

Dear Sister,

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I know it has been a long time since I writ you and have many reasons but not good enough to tell you. I got shot in the arm in Manasses an since then been tryin to catch up wit our company. I did find them just before we got caught up at a place called Brauners Farm and fell in wit them durin a fierce battle ther. Dont worry non as we all came through with just scratches unlike lot of outhers fellers. I f you dont know yur husband was permoted to 2nd Lt. and yur boys are makin rank also excepen Stanley he got plum demoted far drinkin the jammison. He were a Corple but now just a Privat. Stoch got hiself a field grade 1st Lt, during the battle of Antitum but is now back to 1st Sgt. . Stephon is 2nd Sgt. and the one you would figure ammount to notin is a Cpl. Stuart I hope I got the names right as they all look alike. I run into our other brothres son Basil thre to he is really gittin big now and even found hisself a pretty lassie and has benn cortin her right stedy. I stayed wit the company through two more battles and was shot again in the other arm at a place caled Wade House. After bein wounded in the other arm and not lousin it I ran away from the Saw bones as thay wer cuttin every thin that was even a scratch off and I need my arms. I went to a nerby house and had the fine lady ther patch me up but by time I got back to the company area they had already went on the march again toward a place called Coon Valley. I was put in the brig. for a couple of days until they figured out what to do wit me. Seein as I was wounded for a secound time and finally belivin my story I was put on furlough again and am now in northern Virginia waitin to go and find