

## George Beighle Letters

Murfeisburgh [sic] July 5-1863

Dear wife and Children

My health is improving, crackers and bacon seem to agree with me, but I think the climate has more effect then anything else. We left Nashville on the evening of the 29th of last month come to this place by the Cars which is 32 miles. I think this is a healthy place, if it was not for the filth which always exists in Camp's [sic]. Especially in a place like this, where there has been thousands of men camped for the last ten month's [sic]. Old Rosy as he is called, was not idel [sic] during his stay in this place. He built large and strong forts so that comparatively a small force can hold this town Their [sic] seems to be but little danger at present. Rosy has drove the rebels as far as Tulahoma [sic]. The latest account was that he was within 4 miles of the Town. There has been quite a lazy [crossed out] large number of prisonur [sic] broughtt [sic] to this place to be shipped [missing] some of them say that [missing] entends [sic] to make a general at Chattanooga [sic] so we may expect a hard battle soon, as for our Regiment it is not likely that it will [illegible few words] It belongs to the Reserve Army Corps. Our duty is guarding Forts, railroads, Provison [sic] trains standing Tickets, etc. Their [sic] has been talk among the boys that we are only nine month men and will be mustered out of the service soon as the govern [illegible line of text]

it likely that it is so as our officers have received the Musterings [sic] out Rolls and blank furloughs to give to those who may enlist again. Time will tell but we soldiers know but little about it. This place looks like all others where our army have been, not a fence to be seen except a lot to keep government stock in. Their [sic] has been but a small crop of wheat. And the spring crops [sic] very small, all though the corn looks well. Vegetables are scarce here and very high. There has been quite a wet spell here for two weeks. The roads are allmost [sic] impassable for our wagon trains between here and Rosy army. But the railroad will soon be repaired so that we can get Provesion [sic] by the Cars. Tey [sic] are working on it every day with a tolerable large number of Contrabands, the Rebels have hauled of thetier [sic] and railings in several places the Cars run from Nashville to this place daily and will soon run from here to Tulahoma [sic] The health of our men is generally good. Johnson is well he received a letter from home yestuday [sic]. Washington and Hoseas families all well. I have not heard from Loveless boys since we left Nashville. This make the fourth letter I have sent to you and have received one, I do not expect to write more than once in two weeks unless we move again. We were mustered in yesterday for the last two month's pay, which was due on the first of the present month.

My love to you and all the friends

Your husband, Geo. Beighle

Direct your letter to Nashville, as they are forwarded from their [sic] immediately

Give my love to the Children.

Murfreesborough July 16-1863

Dear wife and children –

I received your kind letter, dated the 6th on the 15th was truly glad to hear that you all are well. My health is still improving. I have been out on Picket one day and two nights just returned to Camp. Johnson is well, he received a letter from home a few days back. Washington and Hoseas all well. The health in the Camp is good the weather is moore [sic] mild than it was last week. Their [sic] has been know [sic] rain for several days. The news from all parts of our army is good you have doubtless heard it all. Morgan is making quite a raid in Indiana and Ohio, but I think his success will be like Lee's or worse. His principalism [sic] seems to be to destroy, Government property or such property as will weaken it the most. The report here in the Nashville daily is that he is within six miles of Hillsboroteh [sic] if that is so I expect to hear of Elias and Will being in the army at last for home defence [sic]. They were all really scared last fall when Morgan was at Maysville Ky which is 50 miles from them. If he gets to Hillsboro he will be only 8 miles from them. We are still at Murfreesboro [sic] and from all apperance [sic] will remain here for sometime all is quiet so far their [sic] has been no appearance of Rebels. The report is that Rosencrence [sic] has taken quiet [sic] a large number of prisoners and still driving them on. It is likely that Brag [sic] has made his last stand unless heaviely [sic] reinforced. Try and be Compasses do not have any anxious thoughts about this

June the 29-1864

Line of Battle near Marietta [sic] Ga.

[letter from his nephew telling of his death]

Dear Aunt, I take my pen to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines will find you in good health. I have got sad news to tell our brigade chard [sic] the rebels [sic] works the morning of the 27th of June we were repuls [sic]. Our line is fifty yards from the rebels [sic] works. I have bad news to tell you. Uncle George Beighle is killed in the chard [sic] He was killed in the twenty five yards of the rebels [sic] works. The rebels gave us leave to bury our dead to-day. The dead laid two days on the ground.

We had to bury our men where they were killed. I help to bury our dead. I helped to bury Uncle George, I buried him the best I could, it was a hard sight to see. Uncle was shot about the heart. Uncle died at his part like a soldier. I got to the rebels [sic] works. it was the hottest place I ever was in. Colonel Herman was killed. The 125 regiment lost 110 men killed and wounded. We have lost a lot of good men in our regiment. I got a letter from home the 11th of this month. They were all well. I have a got a letter for Uncle I will send it to you. I have not look at it. Nothing more at present. To Caroline Beighle from Johnson F. Knight