

## William Everitt History

3rd Brigade (Woodruff), 1st Division (Davis), McCook's Corps

Account of Captain William Davis Everitt, Company I, 81st Indiana Infantry

Source: Indiana Historical Society

Camp Murfereesborow [sic] Ten Jan 13th 1862 (misdated, actually 1863)

Dear Ellen the time seems long Between letters I have rote you twoo [sic] letters since the Battle But have not got any answer yet my wound is about well and I am doing duty we are all in fine spirits this has been the hardes [sic] battle of the west But they cant [sic] whip Rosecrans little corps Rosecrans is a great jeneral [sic] we are looking for another fight here soon we have made out our payrolls and we may be paid off I expect you have sold the cattle Before this time Bybee says I will have 5 or 6 hundred bushel of corn to Sell you had better sell it as soon as possible as it will waist [sic] in the crib you rote [sic] that you would sell the wheat soon for \$1.00 I suppose you have not much to sell I want you to live while you do live use as much money as you please by [sic] what you please and dont [sic] ask nobody any [illegible]

Ed Bowers has Been with us for 4 or 5 days I have not got my box yet I will Send for it tomorrow I guess the Pies and cakes will be spoiled but the butters will Be good I have Millies and Tommies likeness I look at them Every day I think they are growing verry [sic] fast milly [sic] looks like a young woman Tommy looks like he could plow I thought that I had lost yours and Eddys [sic] Picture But I found it this morning So I can look at the hole [sic] family exc [sic] Black hawk Ellen I wish that this war was over and we was all at home as we once was happy and in peace Ellen I have passed through this battle with honor to myself and to my men at the same time every man in Company I distinguished themselves by their galiantry [sic] I will tell you what Colonel Caldwell Said to me after the Battle Said he Capt [sic] Everitt you have recd [sic] an honorable scar. I said not very honorable Colonel the scar is in the Back Part of the head and I do not think that a verry [sic] honorable place to be wounded. ah Said he, But you must remember you was attacted [sic] in the rear. Ellen I would like to be at home first rate But as long as the Lord will give me strength and health I will stay with my company I never will forsake them for they would not forsake me when I fell on the field they Stood by me and never will forget their kindness I must here say that Wm Barrett and Hanburry Hues led me from the field they Pled for me to let them carry me I told them no never as long as I could walk Ellen Wm Barrett is one of the best Soldiers and nobelest [sic] young men of this army Give my love to his friends and tell them they may be proud of Billy he is an honor to the cause. Well the first time you are in town tell

Mr [sic] Cole that Tomy Cole is all right and has distinguished himself in this battle for his bravery and coolness he is a brave young man he declared when I was wounded he would have revenge he shot upwards of 40 rounds he Shot to kill took good aim and kept cool well I must close as it is know [sic] late George Peters is well he fought like a man no flinch to him tell Miss Ruth Collins that James Kelly was over to see me the other day he is unhurt he does not look verry [sic] well he looks quite Pale and looks like he had been sick but is verry cheerful and talked a great deal about the battle he is a Brave soldier Ellen kiss the children for me Keep them going to school if you can at any reasonable expense

Give my love to all inquiring friends and except [sic] a portion yourself Tell Wm Bybee to rite [sic] often Give Dad Easom my respects and tell him thare [sic] is no fun on the Battle field where shells and balls are flying and bursting all round you.

Farewell rite [sic] soon and often  
W. D. Evritt [sic]