

James S. Maxwell Papers

Camp Near Manchester Tenn.

June the 30th 63

Dear Mother I take this time to let you that I am well we left Camp the 2[illegible]th of June [rest of line illegible] battle at liberties [sic] gap we took the advance and found the Rebs and fired on them took 4 prisoners and then awaited the Infantry. and then we first appeared and the right flank and then on the left and in the center. and the left we had a very brisk skirmish but we only got two men wounded. we are very highly applauded for what we done. Col. gibson [sic] Says we twice saved his Regt being out flaked [sic]. we have been in the Saddle [sic] for 5 days and one night so you see we have not been Idle [sic]. but I have not time to give a detailed account now but will write soon Boys is well Send this to nan [sic] and tell her that I have not time to write to her. write soon direct to Manchester Tenn.

I remain your Son

J.S. Maxwell

Near Savannah [sic] Geo.

Jan. the 11th 65.

Dear Mother

I Seat myself to drop you a few lines to let you know that I am well as usual I got a letter from you about a week ago. was glad to hear that you were all well the boys in the Camp are all well. Newse [sic] is Scarce here and withe [sic] out the takeing [sic] of Savannah [sic] there is none and of course you have all heard about that. So I will only Stat [sic] that we took 200 pieces of artillery [sic] 130 Siege guns and 70 field pieces. that you know is pretty good. we dont [sic] have any fighting to do for the very good reason that we cant [sic] find any thing to fight us. Tell [illegible] I would like to have a few lines from her when convenient. Tell Nancy A. I got a letter from her and will answer when I get [illegible] a new Supply of Envelops [sic]. Bakes Is Still the Same fellow he was. Well! [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] going out of the Service 26 in all But none of C's. Crowell is going to Be Major. I think Winters will be our capt. [sic] Andrew Jackson is our 2d Lt. a.g. [sic] Lewis orderly. Write soon you may send me Some Stamps [end of letter]

Camp Wood Heart [illegible] Ky June the 23rd

Mr [sic] B W Clark

Dear Mother

It is withe [sic] pleasure I Sit my Self down to answer your kind letter I have been under the weather for a few days but I am about well now I was glad to hear you were all well. I wouldnt [sic] [illegible] to have been with with [crossed out] you next hunting to Sowed

[sic] you how to killed deer but perhaps I will have more deer deer [sic] to hunt than you do C M Clark Says to tell you he will write [illegible] over as he gets time he is guard to day [sic] and on picket to morrow [sic] and in good health and glad of it. George is well. You must try and write a little of oftener than you do for I did not get a letter from home for 4 weeks. no more at this time J.S. Maxwell

Mr [sic] B. W Clark esq'r [sic]

well James I got your letter and was glad to hear from you but Sory [sic] you have the ague you must try and get rid of it it [crossed out] I would like to See you all very much but we are to [sic] far. a part [sic] for that you must try and write [illegible word crossed out] more I remain your brother J S Maxwell

Undated Letter

Dear Mother I received your letter and was glad to hear from you I am getting well again. you want me to get a furlow [sic] if I get Sick now mother I would not take a furlow [sic] if I had one offered to me as bad as I would like to See you. but I must Stop for this time now do write Soon. I remain your son J.S. Maxwell.

Caroline Clark

College Corner Jay Co [illegible]

May the 12th 65th [sic]

Dear Son I take this time to write to you hopeing [sic] that you are getting along verry [sic] well with your wound we have not heard any thing from you since we got your letter of the 18th and you may know what uneasiness I feel a bout [sic] you I got a letter from George Clark he told me that you was wounded he [illegible] I must not try to get to you for you would be Sent home as quick as posable [sic] and if I Should Start I would be Sure to [cut off] you by they way So you See I dont [sic] know what to do a bout [sic] going I wrote to the President of the Sanitary comision [sic] he Says I might posably [sic] get a pass to go to raleigh [sic] Va I have wrote to the agent at Harkington to find out if can get a pass if you cant [sic] be Sent home [illegible] imediately [sic] [illegible] I will go to you [illegible 3 lines of text] any moment and I will we all think you will be Sent home verry [sic] Soon we are all well but verry [sic] uneasy I think it is So hard to be wounded at the verry [sic] last of the war in the last [illegible] Jim write and tell which Side of your thigh the wound is in is it on the out side or the inside I hope to see you Soon good by your Mother

Caroline Clark

J.S. Maxwell

Louisville Ky Sept the 28th

Dear Mother I take this time to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines will find you well I have got several letters from you Sence [sic] I have written to you but you cannot blame me when you hear the reason you know the rebels broke through our

lines and made for Kentucky So we had to go after them and this is [illegible] 4 day
sence [sic] we started on the march. and we did not get a chance to write. we did have
Some trying times we done 14 days on 5 days rations and part of the time nothing. but
we were not discouraged [sic] but all look cheerful. but thank god that Time is over. and
we have got in a land of plenty again the last time I saw Crist he was at Bowling green
he was with the teams and the report is that they were captured but I dont [sic] know
how true it is well mother I have not much more to write so I will tell you no more
[illegible] I have Seen the [illegible] boys and also the [illegible] boys but I must Close
your Son J S Maxwell

E C Clark

Louisville Kentucky May the 12th 65

Dear Mother I take the time to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well. that
breaking [illegible line of text] nearly well. Baker is well So is George Hardy and Ken
Hammons. the newse [sic] from the front is very cheering Grant has whiped [sic] the
rebs [sic] in another Battle and Thomas has driven them off of Rock face Countain We
did not leave Winchester until Thursday morning. I saw Ben Simmons he look very well I
had no time to get my Photo taken [illegible] I guess I wont [sic] it to you this time. well
as there is no newse [sic] to write I will close.

Address J.S. Maxwell

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8th Ind Cavalry

Louisville Ky.