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Dear Ma

On Monday the train arrived  
at this place so late I was compelled to stay  
here a day in order to get transportation  
I am on the eve of starting to Charlotte  
now, have got on very well this far  
have not time to write any more  
your affectionately  
H. C. Miller

Dear Mother  
I am so glad to hear from you  
and hope you are all well  
I am well at present  
and hope to hear from you  
soon. I am so glad to hear  
from you and hope you are  
all well. I am well at present  
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Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1868

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Richmond Va  
Jan 2nd.

Dear Ma

I arrived at this place about  
two hours ago, and now being an opportunity  
I will endeavour to give you an idea of  
my trip, Monday morning when I got to A-  
it was by the greatest perseverance I got  
my box off, by any way it was carried to  
Columbia and there we were detained  
on account of the train getting here too late  
to obtain transportation, but next day  
got off and succeeded in getting every thing  
along very well until I arrived at Charlotte  
where there was great difficulty in getting  
my box started again, but by a little manou-  
vering I at last succeeded in starting her  
Some accident prevented our making the  
connection at Raleigh where we were  
again delayed at until evening, where  
I again started and came through to R-  
where I will stay until morning and take the  
train to Fredricksburg I expect to have

some trouble in trying to escape to the  
Soldiers Quarters, the best place in the  
world I want to go & have been very well  
since I left home. Think I can stand  
the winter if not too severe, Our forces I  
understand are falling back toward Richmond  
No doubt will have a great deal of trouble  
in finding my Regiment. No thing more  
to say Love to all white and black  
Your affectionate Son Harry

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863

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The thing  
I wish  
My Dear Sister  
I wish  
I wish  
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Winter Quarters  
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So, day 2 take an opportunity to answer your long and interesting epistle, although Sister C. would have preferred her letter to have answered it. I have been writing to her to request that she should write to me at a different time. I will honour you with the first.

Now this winter you, you will have some success. I have again entered your routine of studies, it will no doubt go rather hard with you, not having any of it to go from a long time, but as you say it will be the last year of your preparatory department, and make good use of it, but I will push on that subject, you know as much about it as I do, and I know are his in it.

Suppose I give you some of the  
incidents of Camp life, W. G. H. says so.

By reading Wats. letters you will  
see what fine old times we are hav-  
ing here in the camp, & just in the  
letter when we were used to see  
the woods. Now the scene changed.

Next morning, early, I was  
writing the letter, I heard a trumpet  
sound, drew in the Regt, soon  
perched it, and went out, and what  
should I see, but a mile off, the whole  
of Cobb, and the Texas Brigade drawn  
up in battle array, with their officers  
on horseback in front of the line,  
commanding every thing in beautiful  
style, marching against our Regt  
to whip us out of camp with snow.

Soon our Commanders ordered the  
drums to be beaten, and the Adjutant  
gave orders for the Regt to be formed  
every other one in the Brigade doing  
the same thing as every other.



respective commanders, the all  
then marched down in the old  
line to meet them, sending out  
Kirmisch as the vanguard  
The all commenced marching  
in good order, they then formed a line  
of battle on a large hill about a  
half a mile off. They then pushed on  
until they got within about two  
hundred yards of them, then all stopped  
and both parties began to fire  
soon every thing was going on we were  
still in about 100 yards when the battle  
began to commence, it would be impos-  
sible for me to say what the scene  
that followed, the two combattants  
were in ten feet of each other and the snow  
fall, flew faster and thicker than  
my pen could tell, those standing off  
say the piece was magnificent, soon  
then or rather it had raged sometimes our  
commander ordered a charge and such  
another yell you never heard, and our  
boys went, but every began to give  
back, but retreating slowly, finally we  
made a desperate charge and they broke

Each man for himself, they retreated  
to another hill in the rear, made  
another firm stand but our bold  
fellows pushed down, charged that hill  
they again broke and retreated to an  
other place, another made another  
stand we still pursued broke their  
lines, and they again retreated to a  
fence made of the boughs of a Cedar  
tree, here they made the most  
valiant stand that I have seen of  
the kind in a long time. There was a  
road between the mountains, the fury  
raining poured all round it, the  
battal fought there, the road interesting  
most that they fought there about  
ten minutes, unless the rest of  
our army came up and then  
we made another charge, and  
that time we played the same with  
them, this time they ran to their camp  
and when do you think came out there  
to join, in it, encircling the retreating  
foe. "Major General McLaws" now  
you see what a pit de men battle  
was, I am sure, but the old fellow get

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1863

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Mrs H C Miller

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Pinebluff

S. C.

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There are some  
checks, to deposit  
I will also  
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Fredericksburg Va  
Feb 20th 1863

My best  
love to D:  
and to  
man and  
see the  
D. & W.  
Dear  
To sister  
and boy and  
all the  
dear  
Ma

To day being one of unusual  
beauty, for winter in Virginia, and such days  
always having such affect on me, as to make  
my thoughts continually dwell on home  
affairs, I cannot think of anything that  
would be of more pleasure to me than to  
have a little chat with you, as (from  
appearances) I will perhaps, not have another  
chance to let you hear from me soon  
again, the other day I heard that Jenkins  
Brigade had taken the cars to go R -  
and from that place I do not know where.  
That was while we were on picket in town,  
and when we got back to camp, the news  
came to us that the whole of Longstreet's  
Corps were going toward Richmond  
and we being part of the Corps, expected to  
go of course, It was not long indeed, before  
orders came to pack up all heavy baggage,  
or such as we could not carry conveniently, so  
that it might be sent off on the train  
this morning, the order has been filled  
we next then got orders to strike all  
Leets but two, but that order was -

countermanded, and will not be carried  
out until tomorrow, this is to get all  
everything ahead of us, to move is the  
order, we are going somewhere, but I do  
not know where, some think we are going  
to North C. Lond's S.C. others to Tennessee

All the troops about this place are in  
motion, we will all leave except Jackson's  
Corps, that is a supposition of my own, judge  
my from what I can hear, we are all in  
the dark as to where our whereabouts will be  
when we stop, that is the fix of a soldier  
all the time. My only hope is we are going  
to Charleston, and may get in the Grand  
Affair there, I feel like I had much rather do  
my duty in my own state, I saw Beauregard's  
spirited order the other day, I suppose you  
are all very much excited about home  
at this time, the fight at Charleston as  
supposedly all here, will be, or rather  
is going to be the grandest affair of  
the war, My heart yearns to be in one  
of those Forts, You have not heard I  
suppose that I have been put on the  
Ambulance Corps - a very safe position

I do not know whether I am put there  
for good or not. any way, for some time,  
so you may rest assured unless by acci-  
dent; my life is insured. I do not have  
to carry any gun, or any thing that a  
Soldier has to carry but my own things -  
and James can carry those, the other  
night. While in Fredericksburg it snowed  
until the snow was over shoe months deep.  
It continued all next day. and we had  
to march six, or seven miles, through the  
mud and snow half leg deep, you cannot  
imagine what a time we had, when I  
got to camp I was ~~as~~ about as willing  
to sit down and rest, as you ever saw  
a fellow. We, while on picket, last Sunday  
were overjoyed, on hearing the glorious  
news from the north west - it came out in  
an extra from R - and one of our Lieuts, got  
hold of one of them, the papers next day confi-  
rmed it, but the excitement has ~~subsided~~, and  
we now hear very little of it, the excitement  
is all about moving, some think we will  
have to march to Richmond, and what an  
awful time we will have, I do hope we

we may be favoured with ~~with~~ a ride on  
the train, You will see in the papers an  
account of our movements; so I will say  
no more about it, leaving it all to your own  
conjectures, after getting this, you will know  
as much about it as I do. You haven't yet  
answered my last; I am anxiously awaiting  
an answer, hope it will come before we  
leave this camp, I forgot to tell you the Jan  
Rees were singing (Louthers Right) the next  
morning after they heard of the news of the  
West. They are very familiar with our men,  
talk across the River, and read papers across  
to each other on little paper made of boards with  
sails, about the size of a handkerchief put to  
it. Things are making a bright aspect now  
I do hope peace may soon again reign over  
our <sup>our</sup> happy land. You must let me know  
all the news about the Gals, make Susan do  
the same with Matt, Tell Watt his letter pleased  
me very much, only it was not long enough.  
Jally says he is expecting a long letter from you  
and Cenny, and sends his love to you all, Also,  
my best love to you, and the (Clifford) Pa do  
write soon - Your affectional Son H. C. M.