

Camp near Brandy Station Va.
Dec Jan 3rd 1864

Brother James

Your welcome letter was duly recd but at rather a late date. but it got along after a while and was a good long one and that will excuse you this time. My health is excelent I weigh 160 lbs & am hard to handle. Frank is in Washingtom yet. the balance of the Plover boys are well I hope your profesies in regard to the close of this was will prove true but the d-m Rebs will hold out as long as possible for spite if nothing else but time will fetch them to terms. I wish that Freemont could have command in this department next Spring. perhaps Grant may get through in his department in time to assist us a little here It seems the draft did not amount to much but it made some of them come down with their 300 dollars

The veteran buisness had been quite brisk for a few weeks past 128 have sworn in out of our Regt but not one of the Plover boys so you see they have lost their patriotism. but 3 years will so for me until I have rested for a few days

Well Jim you have truly been blest with visitors I presume you had a good time visitint with them Still I guess that you did not regret their departure much especially some of them. I should like vary much to have seen Uncle Jo

Then you have got the Decota fever bully for you. I expect it is a fine country. Wisconsin especially the central partis to cold for farming purposes Henry Curran & my self have been talking of going to Oregan as soon as we serve our time out in the army

I will go with you next fall if you conclude to go. in your next letter give me Mitchels description of the country I think I could never be contented about Plover. I have been sick of the country for along time but said little about it on your account I think we know enough about a new country to get along better then we did in Portage Co.

I guess Frank would favor the plan. but you are boss & know your own buisness better then any body else. Could you sell your farm if you should conclude to go. how are times in Wisconsin this winter. how do you get along with your School you must leave the galls alone in Jerico'. Good by for this time give my love to all our folks & except a share your self Write soon

Vary truly your brother

RWWalker

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I will go with you next fall if you conclude to go. In your next letter give me Mitchell's description of the country. I think I could never be contented about Placer. I have been sick of the country for a long time but said but little about it in your account. I think we know enough about a new country to get along better than we did in Portage Co. I guess Frank would favor the plan. But you are top & I know you own business better than any body else. Could you sell your farm if you should conclude to go. How are times in Wisconsin this winter. How you get along with your school you must leave the sea alone in (Quebec) good by for this time give my love to all your folks & except adieu your self. Write soon.

Yours truly your brother
F. W. Walker

R. W. Walker

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Camp near Brandy Station Va
Dec. Jan 23 1864

Dear James

Your welcome letter was duly recd but at rather a late date. But it got along after awhile and was a good long one and that will excuse you this time. My health is excellent I weigh 160 lbs & am paid to hands. Frank is in Washington yet. The balance of the Lopez boys are well I hope your prophecies in regard to the close of this war will prove true but the old m. Reds will hold out as long as possible for spite of nothing else but time will fetch them to terms. I wish that Fremont could have command in this department next spring perhaps Grant may get through in no department in time to assist us a little here

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It seems the draft did not amount to much but it made some of them come down with their 800 dollars. The veteran Drums has been quite sick for a few weeks past. 128 have sworn in out of our Regt but not one of the Flaver boys so you see they have lost their patriotism, but 8 years will do for me until I have rested for a few days.

Well I'm you have truly been blest with visitors. I presume you had a good time visiting with them. Tell Squip that you did not regret their departure much especially some of them. I should like very much to have seen Uncle Jo.

③ I'm you have got the Decote Fever. Well for you. Perhaps it is a fine country Wisconsin especially the central part is so cold for farming purposes. Henry & Susan. I myself have been talking of going to Oregon as soon as we see some ^{part} in the army.

③ I've thought has conducted 4 got 2nd Grade position.

My thought has revolved & got
to Grant's position

Camp near Brandy Station Va
Dec. 20th 1864

Dear General

Your welcome letter
was duly received but at rather late
date, but it got along after awhile
and was a good long one and that
will excuse you this time. My health
is excellent I weigh 160 lbs I am
hard to handle. Frank is in Washington
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well I hope your promises in regard
to the close of this war will prove true
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as long as possible for a split of nothing as
but time will fetch them to terms, I
wish that Fremont could have command
in this department next spring perhaps
Grant may get through in his department
in time to assist us a little here

It seems the draft did not amount to much but it made some of them come down with their 800 dollars. The veteran druggist has been quite busy for a few weeks past. 128 have sworn in out of our Regt but not one of the three boys so you see they have lost their patriotism, but I guess will do for me awhile. I have rested for a few days.

Well Sam you have truly been blessed with visitors. I presume you had a good time visiting with them. Well I guess that you did not regret their departure more especially some of them. I should like very much to have seen Uncle Jo.

Oh Sam you have got the Deceata River Valley for you. Perhaps it is a fine country. Wisconsin especially the central part is to call for farming purposes. Henry & Susan. If my self have been talking of going to Oregon as soon as we are ^{in the army} ~~in the army~~ ^{in the army} ~~in the army~~

I will go with you next fall if you conclude to go. In your next letter give me Mitchell's description of the country. I think I could never be

contented about River. I have been sick of the country for a long time but said but little about it in your account. I think we know enough about a new country to get along with than we did in Portage Co. I guess Frank would favor the plan but you are safe. I know you own business better than any body else. Could

you sell your farm if you should conclude to do. How are times in Wisconsin this winter. How you get along with your school you must leave the game alone in (River) good by for this time give my love to all & kin folks. I expect to share your self with soon besting you better.

Yours W. Walker
D. W. Walker

Reese
Jan 4th 1864

Camp near Whiteoak Church

Dear Brother

Your letter came to hand yesterday and was read with interest. My health is good as ever the health of the Plover boys is good those that are here are H Curran R Beech Packard Dinsmore Johnny Russell he came from the convalescent camp at Alexandria. (his brother is there) Frank and myself are here not at Alexandria as this reads

There is no prospect of another attack on Fredericksburg at present. they occupy a very strong position. and as our first attempt was a complete failure we must wait for some thing to turn up though I donot think that is the true policy

Our last papers give account of hard fighting in the west but Rosencrans is hard to beat and I have no fears but he will clean ~~old~~ Bragg out

It seems you are engaged at your old business again.

How do the young misses of the Prairie flourish

How many months are you to teach

Have you called on

Mrs Norton

Does old Gile Upton preach. I think his sermons ~~would~~ be entertaining.

What was done up there the first did you have a bender / it was a dull day here / there was no whiskey in the brigad / it was the most lonesome day I have spent in the service / but let her go what is a mans life worth without liberty / if we are to ~~fail~~ in crushing this rebellion I care no to survive the disgrace for I shall consider the title of American soldier no honor. time alone can decid the fate of our country / let us hope for the best and be prepared for the worst / but it is bedtime and I will close / I have been acting orderly for the past 2 weeks / our other Seargents are all sick / I have not been on the sick list since we were before Yorktown last spring.

Pleas write as often as convenient

Yours truly

J W Walker

R W Walker

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1st Regt. John Brown
Co. He is in the 1st Bn. of
Capt. Gato Williams' Co.
of the 1st Regt. is in the 1st
Bn. of the 1st Regt.

W. W. Wilber

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Camp 4th Church
Company near Whitcomb

Dear Brother

Your letter came to
hand yesterday and was read
and discussed. My brother and I
require the health of the Board here
is good. Those that are here are
W. Chas. Church, Fred and Thomas
P. R. Russell. The same time in
C. W. Russell's camp at
Alexandria. His letter is that
Frank and myself are here and
let there are others, too.

There is no prospect
of another attack on Frederickburg
at present. They occupy a very
strong position, and as our
first attempt was a complete
failure we must wait until we
have built up through a long
that is the best way.

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Our last paper was incorrect
of parallelity, in the west gate
No. 1000000. So hard to beat
and I have no fears but he
will clean old Wray out.

It seems you are
engaged at your old business
again. How do the young
wives of the Pacific flourish?
How many months are you to teach
have you called on Mrs. Thurston?

Does old ~~Pete~~ ^{Pete} ~~forever~~
quit Calicut Church. I think ~~you~~
summons would be entertaining
What was your experience that
first deal you had a slender
It was a little longer here
there was no robbery in the
original it was the worst
whimsical day I have spent
in the service but let her

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go what is a man's life worth
with out liberty, if we are to be
crushing this rebellion down
not to advance the disgrace
for I shall consider the
life of American credit.

no more. Time alone can
decide the fate of a country
let us hope for the best and
be prepared for the worst
but it is better and I

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acting orderly for the past
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are all sick I have not
been on the sick list since
we were before Yorktown last
spring.

Please write as often as
convenient
yours truly
J. H. Walker

1st Lt. James John Brown
he is on the 16th at Fort
Gates, Williams also
at Fort O'Brien. He is on the 2nd
at Fort

W. W. Tucker

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Campy Church
Campy Church
Dear sister

Your letter came
yesterday and was read
with interest. My heart is
ever for the health of the family
is good now but we have
W. W. Tucker back and
John K. Russell. The camp at
Conrad is a good one at
Henderson. This letter is from
Frank and Mary are also
at Henderson with the
There is no prospect

of making a lot of money
at present, they occupy a very
strong position, and as our
first attempt was a complete
failure we must wait for the
to turn up. Through I don't think
that is the best thing

② Our last purpose was to accept
of speaking at the West-
moreland Soc. hall but
and I have no fears but be
will Clean old Wagg out

It seems you are
engaged at your old business
again. ~~With~~ How at the going
thieves of the Prairie flourish
the many murders are you to teach
you were called on that morning

Does old ~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~are~~
Epil. Epil. Mach. I think ~~you~~
sermons would be interesting
What was done before that
first did you have a reader
It was a dull day here
there was no whisky in the
organs it was the most
conscience day I have spent
no the service but let her

③ go what is a mass life worth
with out liberty if we are to live
in crushing this rebellion there
not to side with the diabolical
for I shall consider the
step of African an evil

no more. Time alone can
decide the fate of our country
let us hope for the best and
be prepared for the worst
but it is death and I
will close I have been
aching ardently for the past
I would our father's day each
are also sick I have not
been on the sick list since
we were before last brown last
spring

Please write as often as
convenient

Yours truly
J. H. Walker

note: from Reese

Brandy Station Va.
Feb. 22nd, 1864

Dear Mother

Your kind letter came to hand after a short delay and as I am a lesuire I will try to write a few lines. though I have but little to write that will be entertaining.

I was sorry indeed to hear of the death of Grand Mother for I had hoped she would have lived untill I got home but as devine providence has willed-----other wise we must not murmer at his decree. It must have been quite a consolation to you to be near her in her last hour. I trust and hope that she is better off. Your have my heart felt sympathy. It must indeed seem lonely to you

I have concluded not to reinlist at present I think I will serve out my time and think if I am inclined I can go again James Young has gone home he has reinlisted I guess he is the only Plover boy that has or that will at present perhaps it does not speak very well for the patriotism of the plover boys but I feel for my part that if others had done as well as the Plover boys this war would have been really wiped out. We undoubtly will have a hard campaign in the spring but let it come I guess I can stand it. We had some sport last week one of the men at Rappahannock run to the rear he was court marshaled and found guilty he was sentenced to have his (head) shaved to be branded with the letter C on his right hand and drumed out of camp to the tune of the rouges March. thats the way to serve cowards

Brother Frank is not as well as he was before his last sickness but is gainig I read a letter from cousin Oliver Towle

they were well. Aunt Mary Ann wrote me a good long letter a few days since. I read one also from cuz Ellen Walker folks all well. Uncle Hiram's widow lives in Addison I do not know Ems husband's name. Marions husband was very sick at Elvira he had enlisted but they were afraid he would never be any better his disease was the Inflammatory Rheumatism. Newton wrote that his parents were very feeble also that his health was not very good. Mother we have got a chaplain and also a very good chapel. it is built of logs he is a Unitarian and seems to be a very good man. I hope we shall all be benefited by him there was a very good discourse delivered by a Vermont chaplain at the dedication of our log church. It was quite a treat for a lone soldier. I will write to Susan in a few days I hope this will find you in good health and all the rest of the family hoping to hear from you again very soon I remain
your affectionate son

Reese W. Walker

to his mother
Gratia K. Walker

P.S. I fear you will find this a very uninteresting letter but I will try and do better next time.

He is a brave soldier. I will soon
see Susan in a few days I
hope then will find you in good
health and all the rest of the
family hoping to hear from you
again very soon I remain
Your affectionate son

John Walker
George W. Walker

P.S. I fear you will find this a very
uninteresting letter but I will
try and do better next time.

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Brandy Station V.A.

Feb 22nd 1864

Dear Mother

Your kind letter came
to hand after a short delay and
as I am at leisure I will try
to write a few lines. Though I
have but little to write that will
be entertaining.

I was sorry indeed
to hear of the death of Samuel Mother
for I had hoped she would have
lived until I got home but as
divine providence has willed —
otherwise we must ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~quite~~ ^{quite}
his decree. It must have been quite
a consolation to you to be near her
in her last hours. I trust and ~~that~~
hope she is better off. you have my
heartfelt sympathy. It must indeed
seem lonely to you

I have concluded not to enlist at present I think I will serve out my time and then if I am inclined I can go again. James Young has gone home he has enlisted I guess he is the only Poor boy that has for that with apparent perhaps it does not speak very well for the patriotism of the Poor boys but I feel for my part that if there had been as well as the Poor boys this war would have been nearly wiped out. We undoubtedly will have a hard campaign in the spring but let it come I guess I can stand it. We had some sport last week one of the men at Rappahannock run to the rear he was court-martialed and found guilty he was sentenced to have his shoulder to be branded with the letter B on his right hand and then dismissed out of camp to the tune of the ragues March. That the way to save ^{country} ~~country~~

3) Father Frank is not as well as he was before his last sickness but is gaining. Deed a letter from cousin Olive June they were well. Aunt Mary Ann wrote me a good long letter a Sunday since. Deed one also from my Ellen Walker folks all well. Uncle James Wilson lives in Addison I do not know Em's husbands name. Harriens husband was very sick at Olmstead he had enlisted but they were afraid he would never be any better his disease was the Inflammatory Rheumatism Newton wrote that his parents were very fully aware that his health was not very good. Mother we have got a chaplain and also a very good chapel. It is full of logs he is a Unitarian and seems to be a very good man. I hope we shall all be benefited by him there was a very good discourse delivered by a Vermont chaplain at the dedication of our log church It was quite a treat

for a lone soldier! I will write
to Susan in a few days I
hope this will find you in good
health and all the rest of the
family hoping to hear from you
again very soon I remain
your affectionate son

Yours W Walker
Geo W Walker

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Randy Station N.A.
Feb 22nd 1864
Dear Brother

Your kind letter came
to hand after a short delay and
as I am at leisure I will try
to write a few lines. Though I
have but little to write that will
be entertaining.

I was sorry indeed
to hear of the death of Sarah Mother
for I had hoped she would have
lived while I got home but as
divine providence has willed —
otherwise we must remember at
his decree. It must have brought
a consolation to you to be near her
in her last hours. I trust and
hope she is better off. you have my
heartfelt sympathy. It must indeed
seem lonely to you

I have concluded not to exhibit at present I think I will save out my time and then if I am inclined I can again. James Young has gone home he has enlisted I guess he is the only Power boy that has for that will attest. Perhaps it does not speak very well for the patriotism of the Power boys but I feel for my part that if there had come as well as the Powers this war would have been nearly wiped out. We undoubtedly will have a hard campaign in the spring but let it come I guess I can stand it. We had some sport last week one of the men at Rappahannock run to the rear he was court-martialed and found guilty he was sentenced to have his shaved to be branded with the letter B on his right hand and then dismissed out of camp to the tune of the ragues March. That the way to save ^{couards}

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Note: from Frank

Camp near Brandy Station
March 5th 1864

Dear Mother and Sister

Today is rather lowery and it is not verry pleasant outdoors I will employ it replying to your letter which I read last night. We are in the enjoyment of tolerable good health and have just got rested after being out on an expedition of 5 days duration. the march was some what fatiguing but we have no reason to complain. The cavalry that went out with us went as far as Charlottesville which is beyond Gordonsville they captured 50 prisioners, 300 horses, burned 5 large grist mills and brought in quite a number of contrabands.

Mr. Lamereaux was up to visit us last week was in good spirits and intended to start for home soon. he spoke of trying to get me detailed in his place or some other equally good. I think it is doubtful wether it can be dome and if it should. I might not fill the bill our old col. Cobb and N S McDoe staid with our colonel last night McDoe called round to see us fellows from Portage co. I suppose he will want our votes and he thinks us worth noticeing.

I got a letter from Ada last night for once she did not complain of my not writing often enough and I will try and not give her nor any of the rest of you cause to complain here after

I did not have the diptheria verry severly as I commenced doctoring as soon as the first symptoms made their apearance.

I was over to the 7th and saw Capt Warner and his company they were well. Fred showed me the picture of his bride. I am glad to hear the you Mother are visiting and taking some time to yourself and hope you will continue to do so. I wish that Sylvanus could attend school more regular he deserves to if any boy does. Is Idaho fever raging in our part of the country.

Reese and some of the other Plover boys are discussing the matter and think some of going there when they get out of the service. I do not favor the prospect much. still I may change my mind. The time allowed for the old soldiers to veteranize themselves is past it may be extended but it matters not to me. I shall not reenlist. 200 men have went in from our regt. for another 3 years. We got the box that you were so kind as to send us all right. it was quite a surprise as well as a treat for we were not expecting it. Reese read several letters from Bath last night. one was from Aunt Mary Ann. she said that sister Mary was over to see her not long since. O. Towle has been home on a leave of absence. he has got the appointment as Assistant Paymaster in the Navy. pay \$2,000 a year. As the sheet is nearly full I will close for this time. Excuse all mistakes. Write soon

Love to all

Frank R. Walker

④ Some of going there where
they get out of the service
to do not labor the Prophet
much, still I may change
my mind, & the time always
for the old soldiers to retire
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Paymaster in the army, pay \$2,000 a
year, & the sheet is nearly full
it will close for this time, I expect
all mistakes, Love to all

Wife-Son

Frank & Mother

① Camp Near Broadway Station
March 5th/84

Dear Mother & Sister

To day is
rather livery & it is not
very pleasant out door &
will employ it replying
to your letters which I
recd last night, & we are in
the enjoyment of tolerable
good health & have just got
rested after being out on an
expedition of 5 days during
the march was somewhat fa-
tigueing but we have no
reason to complain, & the re-
ason that went out with us
went as far as charlotteville
which is beyond Concord
the they captured 20 prisoners
I do hope, burned & large, just

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Mike & brought in quite a
number of country students.
Mr. Cummings
was up to orient us last
week was an good spirit
& intended to go to, for
some more, he spoke of
trying to get me detailed
in this place or some
other equally good, I think
it is doubtful whether it
can be done & if it should I
might not fill the bill
Our old Col. Gott & Mr. Doe
staid with our Colonel last
night, Mr. Doe called round
to see us fellow from Dodge Co.
I suppose he will want our
votes some time, & he thinks
we won't noticeing
I got a letter from
Arlad last night for once
she did not complain of

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my, writing often enough
I'll try & not give her
not any the rest of you care
to complain hereafter
I did not have
the diphtheria very soon as
I commenced doctoring as soon
as the first symptoms made
their appearance I was over to
the 7th, & saw Capt. Warner & his
company they were well, Fred
showed me the picture of his
bride. I am glad to hear
that you & mother are visiting
& taking some time to yourself &
hope you will continue to
do so. I wish that Sylvia
could attend school more Regular
he deserves to if any boy does
Be the Idaho fever raging in
our part of the country these
& some of the other poor boys
are discussing the matter. Think

④ Some of going there when
they get out of the service
to do not labor the poorest
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letters from Bath last night one
was from Aunt Mary Ann she said
that Sister Mary was over to see
her not long since, Charlotte has
been home over a year of absence she
has got the opposite tract as David
Buckmaster in the story, page 2,000 a
year. As the sheet is nearly full
it will close for this time. Excuse
all mistakes, Love to all

Write Soon

Frank W. Walker

① Camp Near Sandy Station
March 3rd/64

Dear Mother & Sister
To day is
rather livery & it is not
very pleasant out door
with employ it replying
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I too have burned & large just

copy

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number of country friends,
Mr Carver was
was up to visit us last
week was in good spirits
& intended to stay for
some time, he spoke of
trying to get me detailed
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other equally good, I think
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can be done & if it should I
might not fill the bill
I am old Col. Gott & H. & McDoe
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night, Mr. Doe called round
to see us fellow from Postage Co,
suppose he will want your
letter sometime, & he thinks
we will be noticing
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do so. I wish that by means
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he disposes to if any boy does
be the schoolmaster being in
our part of the country. These
& some of the other poor boys
are discussing the matter. I think

Camp near Brandy Station Va
March 20, 1864

Brother James

Your welcome letter was recd a few days since & as I am at leisure I will reply though I have but little news to write we are all well and are having fine wether at present. I am willing to remain where we are until july next. I was glad to learn that Plover had filled her quota for the last call. I recd. a letter from brother Bill a few days since stating he had sold his farm & that he should start west next month he did not write what he got. I hope he will not be disappointed in the country. he thought he should not buy this spring has the Dacota fever abated any but as you always write short letters I will adopt the same rule Give my love to all & write soon your Brother

RWWalker

Camp near Brady Station, Ia.
March 20th 1864

Brother James

Your welcome letter was recd
a few days since & as I am at leisure I will
reply though I have but little news to write.
We are all well and are having fine weather
at present. There is no prospect of moving at
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R W Wells

Camp near Brady Station N.D.
March 20th 1864

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love to all & write soon your Brother
R. W. Wells

Camp near Brandy Station Va
March 29th 1864

Brother James

Your letter was recd. last night I was glad to hear of your being in good health but sorry that you are to have a draft But do not feel desposed to reenlist to save you from it if you were subject to the draft I would willingly go in your stead as you are not I shall not reenlist at present I have sent one man to our town his name is Lee he starts to day I hope you will see that he gets his formty for he is a good soldier as regards the commissions I doubt vary much about being forwarded. I think it no great object Wages are vary high here in the army civilians get from 25 to 75 dollars per month I amy conclude to stop down here untill fall. you are laying out considerable labor on that plantation of mine do you think you will ever get your money back.

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I think the proper way to fill our armies is to draft and I am not in favor of large bounties.. with love to all I am vary respectfully

Your Brother

Reese Walker

Write soon & often & excuse this dull letter for it is a cold rainy day and we are all on the blue list to day will undoubtedly feel better soon

Reese

①
Camp near Sandy Station Va
March 29th 1864

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family for he is a good soldier
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doubt very much about any being
forwarded I think it no great loss

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③ The organization of the army is going on. I expect we will have a hard campaign this Spring & hope we may be successful. But I am not sanguine. I get out alive I shall be glad. Oh! it will matter but little. I judge by your letter that you think either strange that we have not succeeded perhaps it was our duty but as we have seldom done that you will scarcely wonder that I did not succeed.

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Your Brother

Perce W. Walker
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Yours

note: from Reese

Camp near Brandy Station Va.
April 9 1864

Dear Mother

Your welcome letter was duly read and read with great interest. I suppose the spring campaign will soon open. We have orders to pack up all of our extra baggage and send it to the rear. should the wether continue as it has been for the past 15 ~~days~~ we will not be able to move untill May. it has rained or snowed nearly all of the time for 3 weeks past. you must not borrow any trouble about us we will not probably see more than one battle before our time expires I think no thought of being killed. we have faced the storm of lead to often to be disturbed by the expectation of a battle there is something about a fight that is really facinating the wild excitment deafning roar of artillery and musketry a person almost perfeers it to the inactivity of camp life. as for General Grants leading us on to Richmond I have but little faith. I think he will find his hands full if he attempts to take Richmond by this rout. still we must hope for the best We have been trying so long to get there and have met with such poor success that I have but little faith in any one. God Grant that we may be more sucessful in futur

Our Chaplain preaches every sabbath and holds prayer meetings. still each week he is a working man has dome more than all the others we have had. he has started a lyceum Spelling school, the Union league and also distributes

quite an amount of reading matter. He does not possess a great amount of talent still he does the best he knows I think. As regards my morals I presume they have not improved greatly. it would be strange if they had for we are surrounded by many Temptations. brother Frank is on piquit today it is a vary wet and disagreeable time for him but his health is pretty good he will not mind it much. Dear mother I suppose you will have the pleasure of seeing sister Mary in a short time. I hope they will not be disappointed with the country. Still I fear they will not find it as they expect. perhaps we had all better emigrate farther west. There is some talk of our regt being mustered out the tenth of May. all those that did not reinlist still I have not much hopes of it. if it should be the case it would nake almost a year difference with us. as I have no news to write I will close hopeing this may find you in good health and spirts. I remain your affectionate son.

Gratia K Walker

Reese W. Walker

My love to all Pleas write soon

④ Dear Mother I suppose you
will have the pleasure of seeing
Sister Mary in a short time.
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remain your affectionate

Yours I. Walker
Pere W. Walker

My love to all
Please write soon

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Camp near Sandy Station Va
April 9th 1864

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has duly read and read with
great interest. Perhaps the
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remain your affectionate

Yours J. Walker
P. S. W. Walker

My love to all
Please write soon

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Camp near Sandy Station Va
April 2nd 1864

Dear Mother

Your welcome letter
has been received and read with

great interest. I suppose the
spring campaign will soon
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Camp near Brandy Station Va. Apr 17th

Brother James

(1864)
Your kind letter was recd last night & as I am unengaged I will reply. We are enjoying good health. & are in as good spirits as usual. the wether is rather dubious / roads are in bad condition so that we will not be likely to move for some days. I was pleased to learn that you have your quota filled. Plover has done well during this war. hope she will not have to furnish more men but who can tell / It seems that the rebs are going in on the blackflag policy / you have undoubtedly seen the account of the masacree of fort Pillow / it will tend to arouse the slumbering fires in the bosoms ~~and~~ of the Norther men & I vairily hope that retatiatory measures will be enforced / I say for one let us give them the black flag to their hearts content. Were that policy adopted those Southern brutes of boasted chivalry would soon yeald & the leadrs would fly from the wrath to come. God help those who come in my way for I will end their a career in a twinkling / we must have a more vigarous policy. I have some hopes Grant may acomplish something time can alone tell. but it looks rather discouraging when men can talk their treason in the halls of congress but enough of this strain

Sad joke on Bachelder / a craft that has carried such sale should not founder on a shoal of a couple thousand. perhaps he will be obliged to greas and slide out as he did a few years since or play checkers with his nose through the grates of the blue Eagle

JamesXXXX Young returned a few days since in good health / he gave us a history of affairs in Plover it was a sad Catastrophy the upsetting the Cart and the IM MERSION of the fair maidens to the --- extrene depth I wonder if a sigh is caped ~~the~~ them like it seems that Lute was assensible as ever faint away & save her self a great deal of trouble or to not realize what was going on. I am sorry to learn that she is not married for I was in hopes she would get Campbell & have a good home. I am glad to hear that your grain looks well / hope no frost will trouble you this year. is there a going to be any sale for property in Portage Co / this year or is the country good enough to spend the remainder of our days in / if the hell born Rebs let me alone I shall be ther between this and next fall with love to all I remain your brother

Reese W.W

Don't be as in a Saint Mary
 & I am here with my husband
 trouble or to not realize what
 was going on. I am sorry
 to learn that she is not
 married for I was in hopes
 she would get **Completed** & have
 a good home. I am glad
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 so high as this year, it is the
 country good enough to spend
 the remainder of our days in
 If the hell born Gods let me alone
 I shall be there between this and
 I shall with you to all
 I remain your brother

Pao H. Walker
 (Pao H. Walker)

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From your Sincerely
 Station 6.9 Apr 17

Dear James
 Your kind
 letter was recd. last night. &
 as of a m. I am engaged &
 will reply. We are enjoying
 good health. I am in fact
 spirits as usual. the weather
 is rather delicious even as
 in bad weather so that
 we will not be likely to move
 for some days. I was pleased
 to hear that you have spent
 quite a while. I hope has done
 well during this war. hope
 she will not have to furnish
 more men but who can tell
 I guess that the sets are going
 in on the black flag policy

(2) you have undoubtedly seen
the account of the massacre
of Fort Pillow it will tend to
increase the alienating feeling in
the bosoms of the white men &
I sincerely hope that satisfactory
measures will be enforced
I say for one let us give them the
black flag & their ~~best~~ and ~~best~~ out as the old
content were that policy — a few years since we play
adopted those southern knaves & together with his was the
of boasted chivalry would soon the gates of the blue eagle
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from the wrath to come. God
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a few days since in good
health he gave us a history
of affairs in Kansas at that
a bad catastrophe the upsetting
the cart about the middle
of the year and as to the
extreme depth I wonder if
I sigh as much then. I hope
it seems that "first" was

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Dear Mr. Sandy
Station 6.9 Apr 17th

Dear Mr. James
your kind

letter was recd last night &
As I am unemployed I
will reply. We are enjoying
good health. I am in the
spirits as usual. The weather
is rather out of season & so
in bad condition so that
we will not be likely to move
for some days. I was pleased
to learn that you have your
quota filled. Power has done
well during this war. I hope
she will not have to furnish
more men but who can tell
I seem that the new policy
in the black flag policy

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I have no gift of any great
trouble or to not realize what
was going on. I am sorry
to learn that she is not
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country good enough to spend
the remainder of our days in
the hell of our life. I am alone
I shall be there between the end
of the war with you to all
I remain your brother

Yours truly
C. J. J. J.

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measures will be enforced
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from the wrath to come. God
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men can talk their treason in

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health he gave us a history
of a quarrel in France — it was
a bad catastrophe the trip to the
the top Cast about the mountain.
of the fair Americans to the —
of France death I wonder if
a sign as a fact their hope
it seems that fact was said

Camp near Brandy Station
May 3rd 1864

Brother James

Your favor was duly reced. & as we are to march in the morning & I am not have another opportunity for some days (I will improve tho) the weather is favorable & the roads in good condition I wish I had more faith in old Mead. a few more days will develop his ability. I anticipate a hard campaign. but we are accustomed to it & I am prepared for the worst so let it come. the boys are in good health. but not as the papers would infer spoiling for a fight

I was disappointed very much in the failure of general Banks. I think he is a true & loyal man but I fear he lacks ability as a military chief. Still I do not know but his subordinate officers may be at fault they were schooled under McClellan especially Franklin & Stone I think but little of either. but it is easy to criticize and we should be careful not to judge hastily. But hurrah for the coming fights my watchword is fort Pillow I think I could not conscienceously spare one of the chivalrous brutes of the South. Were I in power the south should have the black flag to their hearts content I hope Grant will either feed out his whole army to the Rebs or capture & despoil Lee & his whole command. a short time will reveal much let us hope & pray hoping to hear soon from you and with much love to my dear Mother and all of the family. I remain your affectionate brother good night

Reese W. Walker

Brother James WW

Please write often

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Camp, near Brandy Station
May 8th 1864.

Brother James

Your favor

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hastily. But hurry for
the coming fight. My
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I think I could not concern
myself with one of the chivalrous
bruties of the South. These
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should have the black

③ I hope these hearts content
I hope Grant will either
lead out his whole army to
the sea or capture & disperse
Lee & his whole command.
A short time will reveal
much let us hope & pray
hoping to hear soon from you
and with much love to my
dear mother and all of the
family I remain your
affectionate brother. good night

Yours W. M. McKen

Brother James W. M.

Please write often

Comp. mess. Brandy, Station
May 8th 1864.

Brother James

Your favor

was duly recd & as we
are to travel in the morning
& I may not have another
opportunity for some days
the matter is favorable
& the roads in good condition
I wish I had more faith
in old Brad. A few more
days will develop his
ability. I anticipate a
hard campaign but we are
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let it come. The boys are in
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dear mother and all of the
family I remain your
affectionate brother - good night

Dear Mother

Brother James W.P.

Please write often

note: from Frank - death of Reese May 5th (1864)
suspect it was in the wilderness Campaign

Dear Mother

I have the most heart-rendering news to communicate, but overwhelming as it has been to me and will be for you it must be told.

My Dear Brother Reese your noblest and bravest son was shot dead while urging and cheering his comrades on on the 5th of this month. He was buried near where he fell by rough but noble and kind hearted men. The fatal shot struck his neck and severed the juglar vein. he spoke not a word. his suffering was short. I trust his soul is at rest. May god give you all strength to bear up in this sad hour is my prayer. H Curran was wounded but I believe not seriously. S. Glover has a dangerous flesh would. James Young was wounded in the neck I think he will soon recover. Chas Packard was wounded in the breast. I did not see him but I believe his wound is not dangerous.

We have had the greatest battle of modern times it is not yet decided. We have taken 20 pieces of artillery, and 8 or 10 thousand prisioners. But still the result is doubtful. It has been raging 9 days. I have been in none of it being detailed to guard the trains I can write no more at present. May god bless and sustain you is the prayer of your son

Frank

/Spotsylvania

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Dear Mother

I have the most
heartrending news to announce
to you. But I will not tell you it
until I have written you a letter.

Now it must be told.

My dear Brother, I have your

noted that I have been

shot dead. While ^{returning} engaged

his comrades on the 10th

of this month. He was

buried near where he fell

by my brother. I have

just received the news

that struck his neck and

that the fugitives were

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prayer of your son
Frank

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Robert R. R. R.

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Lincoln General Hospital
Washington City
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There is nothing worthy of note transpiring here now excepting continuing squirmishing along the whole line but no general engagements. There is now no advance movements to be made by this army for a few days on account of the extreme warm meather. Thermometer ranging from 90 to 110 in shade Perhaps you do not

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engagements. There is now no
advancing movements to be made
by the Army ~~now~~ for a few days
on account of the extreme warm
weather. Thermometer ranging from
70 to 110° in shade. Perhaps you do
not call that warm and think
it is very dirty.
Great Confidence is had of Gen
Grant now in this Army and I
am confident he will succeed
to be sure he has got a great task
before him, but he is the General
that can do it. He has now cut
every R.R. that runs into Richmond
both North and South and they have
soon got to fight or starve

note: from cousin C. S. Warren

Camp 12th Wis Infty
Atlanta, Ga.
Plover Sept 14th (1864)
Portage Co.

Cousin Frank

As I have been writing today I thought I would write you a few lines. We have at last taken the "Gate City" of the south and sent the Johnnies some where else to fortify, and make another stand, where it will be is more than I can say probably it will be at Macon. We have had one of the gayest companys of the war. Since the 5th of May we have had a squirmish or fight most every day. but Old Sherman beat them at every point. We will probably stay here untill the fall campaign and I think if we get another whack at the Rebs we will scoop out the army in the west. Luke Warren is in the 102nd N.Y. they are camped some four miles from here, and I have seen him once also John Sutherland Geo. Saroges. There is lots of Bath boys in the 20th corps Jim Gould was in the 102nd. he was killed on the 20th of July.

There is some prospect of pay but I dont know what good it will do as you can buy nothing here. give my respects to all of your folks Truly Yours

C.S. Warren

co. G 12th Wis Vet Infty
3rd Div 1st Brig 17th A.C.

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Camp 12th Mo. Infy
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Fortage Co

Conson Frank

As I have been
writing to day I thought I
would write you a few lines
We have at last taken the
Fort City of the South end.
Sent the Johnson's some where
close to Fortify and make another
stand, where it will be in more
than I can say probably it
will be at Macon, we have
had one of the gayest Company
of the war, since the 1st of
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all the men beat them

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full Campaign, and I think
if we get another week at
the Rebs we will sweep
out the army in the West
before Warren is in the 102^d N.Y.
They are camped some four miles
from here. I have seen them once
also John Sutherland & Geo Swager
Warren's late of 24th Reg in
the 20th Reg. Camps Jim Goodell
was in the 102^d he was killed
it on the 21st of July

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don't know what good it will do
as you can buy nothing here
your my respects to all of
your folks including Cousin
Geo. J. Warren
Geo. J. 12th

3^d Div 1st Brig 14th Dec.

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Camp 12th Mich
Wednesday
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Fortage Co

Cassius I think
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they are composed of men only
from Penn. I have seen them once
also John Sutherland & Geo. Searge
Cheney is Capt. of 2nd Regt. Inf. in
the 2nd A.G. Corps from Kansas
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at on the 20th of July

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you may respect to all of
your folks finding news
R. S. Harrison
Lee G. 12th

3rd Div 1st Brig 14th Mar.

Washington D.C. Oct 13, 1864

To James Walker I will improve the present opportunity to write a few lines to you to let you know that I am well and Enjoying my self first rate- H Willard is well Capt Bremer has ben quite sick with the plureyey- but he is all Right Now- alle of the Boys is well- and seme to enjoy themselves well- we started from Washington the 7-after dark. we Expect to leve Every minit- it Everadges about 100 a Day of Deserter from Richmon that come in heer thay all say that they are wipt and cant hold out much longer. thay say that Jeff Davis and all the prnciple men have gone south and that all think crant grant will take Richmon in a fue Days.

the State Elections of Ohio & Indiana & Pensylvania make the boys feelee well- the all think if Lincon is Elected the war will End soone. alle thes Deserters say that and if Mclenon is elected they Expect to game thare Indipendiance. thate hanges all thare hopes James- I want you to take good care of almon and if thare is Any Extra to pay I will pay and make some inqurers about the other two boys. let almon go and see them ofton- wright all about them- give my Respects to all Enquiren frends - and wright ofton Direct to John Eggleston Co. F 5 wis volunteers, Washington D.C. and thay will follow as ware Ever-er go- I wish you would send lots of tickits to us - all of the Right kind - union all over from

John Eggleston

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to give there Indipendence
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James. I want you to take good
care of Almon and if there
is any Extra to pay I will
pay and make some inquiries
about. the other two boys let Almon
go and see them often. Wright tell
about them. I got 330. Dollars
local Bounty. give my respects
to all. Egyptian French and
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volunteers Washington D. C.
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Dixie Land

Composed by L.D. Emmett

I wish I was in de land of cotton

Cinnamon Seed & sandy bottom

Chorus. Look away - Look away away Dixie

In Dixie Land where I was born in

Early one fine morning

Chorus Look away - Look away - away Dixie Land

Chorus Sen I wish I was in Dixie

Hooray - Hooray

In Dixie Land will took our stand

To lib and tie in Dixie

Away - away away down South in Dixie

Old missus Mary Will de weaver

William was a gay decipher

Look away &c.

Chorus When he put his arms around her

He looked as free as a forty pounder

Look away &c

Chorus Sen I wish I was in Dixie &c.

His face was sharp as a butchers cleaver

But that did not seem to pain her

Look away &c.

Will ran away missus took a decline ah

Her face was the color of de bacon & chin ah

Look away &c

Sen I wish I was in Dixie &c.

(Repeat)

While Missus had she bitted in Lober
When she did she did all ober

Look away &c.

Now could she act such a foolish part
As to marry a man dat would break her heart

Look away &c.

Chorus Den I wish I was in Dixie &c.
Here a health to the next old Missus
And all de galls dat wants to kisses

Look away &c.

Now if you want to drive away sorrow
Come and hear this song to morrow

Look away &c.

Chorus Den I wish I was in Dixie &c.

Sugar in de ground and stony batter
De whites grow fat and de niggas grow fatter

Look away &c.

Den her it down and scratch your grabble
In Dixie's land I'm bound to trabble

Look away &c.

Den I wish I was in Dixie &c.

John Brown's soul is marching on

John Brown's body lies mouldering in the grave

John Brown's body lie lie

John Brown's body lie lie lie

His soul is marching on

Brown

Glory Glory Hallelujah! Glory Glory Hallelujah!

Glory Glory Hallelujah! This soul is marching on

He's gone to be a soldier in the army of the Lord

He's gone to be a soldier in the army of the Lord

He's gone to be

This soul is marching on

Glory Glory Hallelujah! Glory Glory Hallelujah!

Glory Glory Hallelujah! This soul is marching on

John Brown's knapsack is strapped upon his back

John Brown's knapsack is strapped upon his back

John Brown's

His soul is marching on

Glory Glory Hallelujah! lie lie

His feet are well met him on the way

His feet are well met him on the way

His feet are well met him on the way

Glory to the Union

They will hang Jeff Davis to a palmetto tree

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They will do it as they march along, Glory!

Now three rousing cheers for the Union

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So we are marching on! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!