

## John H. Walters, Co. C, 4th Indiana Cavalry

John H. Walters

Born in Champaign County, Ohio

March 11, 1841

Died September 10, 1917, age 76

Buried in Warsaw, Indiana, Kosciusko County, Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

8/4/1862 mustered into Co. C, 4th Indiana Cavalry from Warsaw, Indiana

6/29/1865 mustered out at Edgefield, Tennessee

Spouse: Nancy Rebecca *Millice* Walters

1848-1939

Married: 1868

Siblings

David Conrad Walters 1847-1922

Daniel L. Walters 1851-1858

Ancestry Records:

US Federal Census 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910,

Death Certificate

[finagrave.com/memorial/35307136/john-henry-walters](http://finagrave.com/memorial/35307136/john-henry-walters) (website)

Online site: History of Co. C, Fourth Indiana Cavalry

Dyer's Compendium

US Soldiers and Sailors Database

Co. C detached from Regt @ HQ Gen. A. J. Smith, 10th Div. 13th Army Corps, Army of Tennessee  
December 1862—August 1863.

Movement to Memphis, Nov. 1862.

Yazoo Expedition Dec. 20, 1862-Jan. 3, '63.

Chickasaw Bayou and Bluff Expedition, Dec. 26-29.

Capture of Ft. Hindman, Jan. 10-11, 1863

Port Gibson, May 1.

Champion's Hill, May 16.

Siege of Vicksburg, May 18-July 4.

West La. Campaign, Oct. 3-Nov. 30

Defenses of New Orleans until Sept. '64

## **Addenda for John H. Walters Archival Collection (Private, Company C, 4th Indiana Cavalry) Letters**

(Information duplicated from handwritten material accompanying the copies of letters.)

### **Brief History of Co. C, 4th Indiana Cavalry**

August, 1862 – Left Warsaw, Indiana for Camp Allen in Fort Wayne where they remained for about a week. The company was organized and the following officers were elected:

- Jos. P. Leslie – Capt.
- Jos Leamon – 1st Lieut.
- Andrew P. Gallagher – 2nd Lieut.
- S. G. Robbins - Brev. 2nd Lieut.

August 12, 1862 – (Approx.) Left for Indianapolis. Went into camp with the regiment which was then organizing.

August 17, 1862 – Mustered into United States service known as Co. C. 77th Regiment or 4th Indiana Cavalry. Received uniforms and side arms.

September 6, 1862 – Co. was ordered to Cincinnati. Arrived there the same night; received horses and went into camp.

September 7, 1862 – Received saddles, bridles and other camp equipage. Remained there until Sept. 18. Crossed Ohio River on several night scouting trips.

Reported to Brig. Gen. Q. A. who was commanding the advance forces in Kentucky. Went on many two or three day scouting trips. Most scouting done at night. Changed camp from time to time. Arrived at Lexington, KY, where co. remained for a few days.

October 31, 1862 – Ordered to report to Brig. Gen. A. J. Smith for escort duty. On same day, marched with him to Nicholasville, KY. Remained a few days and then marched to Louisville, KY.

November 25, 1862 – Embarked on steamer *Florence* and started down Ohio River.

November 29, 1862 – Arrived at Cairo, IL. Disembarked from the *Florence* and boarded the *Maria Denning* on the Mississippi River.

December 1, 1862 – Started down the Mississippi River.

December 4, 1862 – Arrived at Memphis, TN. Went into camp and remained until Dec. 21.

December 21, 1862 – Embarked on the steamer *Ohio Belle* and started down river.

December 24, 1862 – Arrived at Millikin's Bend on Dec. 24, remained there until Dec. 27, went with Gen. Sherman up the Yazoo River where he made his first attack on Vicksburg, Miss. Then returned to Mississippi River and went with Gen. John McClelland up the Arkansas River.

August 30, 1864 – Arrived at Cartersville, GA. Did picket duty on Pumpkin Vine Creek to Alatoona until middle of October and then marched to Calhoun, GA. Remained about three weeks and then turned horses over to Gen. Kilpatrick and returned to Louisville, KY, after other horses.

December 4, 1864 – Left Louisville on the march to Nashville, and arrived at Bowling Green, KY on Dec. 12.

Pursued a rebel brigade, under Gen. Lyon. Crossed the Cumberland River at Hopkinsville, KY. Followed them as far as Elizabethtown and on Dec. 25 started for Nashville.

December 29, 1864 – Arrived at Bowling Green, remained there until Jan. 2, 1865, then started for Nashville.

January 6, 1865 – Arrived at Nashville, remained until Jan. 9th, then left for Waterloo, AL, and went into winter quarters.

March 10, 1865 – Crossed the Tennessee River and went to camp at Chickasaw, AL, to make preparations for the campaign.

March 21, 1865 – Started on the Wilson Raid. Rebel force under Gen. Cobb was told to surrender or fight. He surrendered and a few days later his men were paroled and sent home. The company ate their rations and used clothing and other supplies left by Cobb.

Within a few days word came that Gen. Lee had surrendered to Gen. Grant.

May 10, 1865 (approx.) Our forces captured Jeff Davis while he was playing hide and seek thru the Carolinas and Georgia.

May 24, 1865 – Left for Atlanta, arriving on the 28th of May, after a hot and dusty march. No rations available. Started for Chattanooga, TN, arriving on June 2. Worn out due to scarcity of rations. Horses were very much reduced and worn out also.

Remained at Chattanooga until June 7th. Drew rations for men and forage for horses. Left for Nashville,; after a slow and tedious march, arrived on June 15. Crossed the Cumberland River and went into camp at Edgefield, TN, where horses and equip. were turned over and were mustered out of service on June 29.

July 7, 1865 – Were paid in full.

History was taken from newspaper article after 4th Indiana Cavalry had its first reunion shortly after end of Civil War.

Period of Jan. 1863 thru Aug. 1864 was missing from above article which was pieced together from old newspaper.

Following list of dates and events are from Civil War letters from John H. Walters to his parents, brother and sister. (See John H. Walters Letters. Guide to the John H. Walters Archival Collection.)

## History of the 77th Regiment (4th Indiana Cavalry)

Taken from *The New Historical Atlas of Kosciusko County – State of Indiana*. Produced by Kingman Bros. in 1869.

Officers – (Dates are enlisted dates)

Lt. Col. Joseph P. Leslie (9/10/63) – killed leading a charge at Strawberry Plains, Tennessee 1/27/64, promoted to Lt. Col. 5/13/63. Promoted to Major 8/5/62.

Company C

Jos. P. Leslie (8/5/62)

Wm. S. Hemphill (4/9/65) 1st Lt. (Orig. 7/28/62)

Geo. W. Hisson (6/1/63) 1st Lt. (Orig. 6/1/63)

Andrew J. Gallagher (8/5/62) Capt.

Stillman G. Robbins (8/15/62) 2nd Lt.

Jos. A. Goodman (8/2/62) 2nd Lt.

Lists 86 enlisted men. Among them:

John H. Walters (8/4/62)

On the list of enlisted men it was noted where each died & when if killed in battle. Men were killed at the following locations: Louisville, Millikens Bend, LA (many); Vicksburg; St. Louis; Nashville; Memphis; mound City, IL; Lexington, KY; New Iberia, LA.

### History of 4th Indiana Cavalry

Organized in Indianapolis 8/22/62 with Isaac P. Gray as Col. After organization, the affairs in Kentucky were threatened. The regiment was divided into 4 companies under Major John A. Platter being ordered to Henderson, KY, and the remainder to Louisville and then to the interior of the state.

The battalion commanded by Maj. Platter engaged the enemy at Madisonville on Aug. 28th, just 4 days after being mustered in, losing a number of either killed or wounded. In the spring of 1863 the regiment was again all together with the exception of Co. C which was detailed for escort duty at the headquarters of Gen. A. J. Smith where it remained.

During the invasion of Kentucky by Gen. Bragg, the 4th Cavalry did excellent service scouting the enemy and frequently engaging him. In Dec., engaged in the pursuit of Gen. Morgan and was in the battle fought with Morgan's troops near Munfordsville in which the rebels were badly whipped. Moving into Tenn. in Jan. 1863, the regiment reached Murfreesboro in Feb. where they remained for some months.

When Gen. Rosecrans moved forward on his campaign against Tullahoma & Chattanooga, the 4th Cav. led the advance and in the bloody Battle of Chickamauga, it took a prominent part after which it moved to East Tenn. where it remained until the spring of 1864.

On the 27th of January, 1864, the 4th Cavalry was engaged in a severe fight with the enemy at Fair Garden in which a battalion of four companies under the command of Lt. Col. Leslie, made a saber charge on a rebel battery capturing it and more prisoners than were engaged in the charge. Lt. Col. Leslie was killed by a rebel bullet through his breast while gallantly leading and encouraging

his men. During the campaign against Atlanta, the 4th Cavalry operated on the flanks of Gen. Sherman's army and took part in the McCook Raid and was engaged in several battles after the fall of Atlanta. The regiment returned to Tenn. where it was assigned to Gen. Wilson's Cavalry Division and in the spring of 1865 accompanied it on a raid in Alabama during which it was engaged with the enemy at Plantersville and Selma.

The war having been ended, the regiment made its way north to Edgefield, Tenn. where it was mustered out of the service on the 29th of June 1865 and the officers and men returned to their homes without going to the state capitol in a body.

Co. C as before mentioned, was detailed for escort duty at the Headquarters of Gen. A. J. Smith and remained with him until late in 1864 when it joined the regiment. During its service with Gen. Smith the company was present in all the operations against Vicksburg and accompanied the ill-fated Red River Expedition.

John Walters Letter Transcription Oct. 3, 1862

Oct. 3, 1862, Camp Snowhill, KY

Dear fa ther and mother tis With pleasure that i Write you afew lines to let you know that i amWell at present and i hope that these few lines may find you improving the samehealth We left Cincinnati 17 and we Chased the rebbels all that day and then We counter marched Back about fifteen miles Back the next day and We Still Stay there Yet and We dont know When We Will \_\_\_\_\_ there are know riffles just around here But the farmers get up in squads of about fifteen or twenty and skulk about of \_\_\_\_\_ the day that Wemarched here We took twenty two prisners of morgans gorillies and We take some every day as too the rebbels made a dash on our pikets the other day and took andy Bates and Cris Stones and four more of our Boys of our Cmpany and forty more infantry man there Were about six hundred of them the Water that we hve to drink is Watter that We get out of ponds the Way that they are made the farmers take and train up planks \_\_\_\_\_ shallow \_\_\_\_\_ and When it ranes it \_\_\_\_\_ in and that is the Watter that We have to drink. \_\_\_\_\_ [Next 23 lines illegible]

But i could not leve my post as i Would have tried to catch them Well i have just been down to the hand Washing found those and i hhave had afine time of it i had no mother or Sister to Wash them for me as i do Where i am at home But i get them pretty far the first that i ever Wshed Well taking every thing in \_\_\_\_\_ i have a good time i Went on pcket he other night but i did not see nothing Well i am Weary and tired i have Been \_\_\_\_\_ past too nights in \_\_\_\_\_ and i am tiared i have just got in from \_\_\_\_\_ We started out last evening aobut sunset and made about thirty miles to Where We heard there Was afew of them We dashed down the pike on to thme and captured nine of them and five horses our company took the advance We can nat get Kintucky Boys to go ahead and So our company took the prisners it \_\_\_\_\_ [phrase illegible] Well this is all at present give my Best respects yoall the \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ tell ida that i am Well and Would like to see her \_\_\_\_\_ that i am Well give my first respects to [2 words/] and all the rest No more a presant and so good by

Write soon direct Your letter to \_\_\_\_\_ [3 lines illegible] Write soon give ida my first respects and so good by Write soon John Henry Walters

## John Walters Letter Transcription Oct. 14, 1862

Oct. 14, 1862 Camp near Williams town Ky

Dear father i recieved your letter of the fifth and Was glad to hear that you Was all Well at this tim i have just Came of of Camp guard and i had alittle time and i thought i Would Write you a few lines to let you know that i am Well at presant and i hope that these few lines may find you injoying the Same health Well know i Will go on and tell you about the War and our movements We have taken thirty five prisners and nine horses Since We left Cincinnati and know We are on our Road to lexington Kentucky Yo Will hear of the downfall of that place in less than twenty days for We can muster about Sixty thousand troops there are three pikes here running into lexington there are about twenty thousand on each pike and they are agoing to form a junction at george Town and then go on to lexington Ky amangts our prisners that We took Was and old man about Sixty years of age But We let him go as he Was to old he Says he Was a [Sherms?] Christ democrat and he says Sherm\_\_\_\_\_ Christ Was a democrat and he says days george Washington Was a sherms\_\_\_\_\_ Christ democrat and general Jackson Was asherms\_\_\_\_\_ Christ and says he was after them We Will Move tomorow morning again but i harrd tell Where in our Brigade We have Six \_\_\_\_\_ Cannan 12 Pounders if We get after the Rebbels With them We Will make the Rebbels Shit as get off the Bot and let Somebody on that Can and So good By to father and mother give my Best respects to grand father and mother and [2 words] tell Wynant that i send her my Best respects.

Well know i Will Write soon to Henry Dear Brother i am Well and i hope you are the sam i Want yo to tell me Who all is Dsabbed[Disabled?] there and Some more about the girl fight Write as son as Pasable and do good By to yo all

Well know little ida i Will Say afew Words to you as i am good Way off and cannot see you i Will Send you my best respects i Would like to See you But i cannot and so i Will be contented But if the lord spares me and you to live until the War is over and i am permitted to get home i Will Bring you and all the rest somthing nice and so good By little Sister and all the Rest give my Best respects to all tel me Who is drafted and Write soon from John henry Walters to his little sister mary ida Walters and So now i Will Close Write Soon good By ida

from John H Walters

To his little Sister

ida Walters Write soon and so good by

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John H. Walters Letter Transcription Oct. 30, 1862

October 30, 1862, Lexington, KY

Dear father and mother it is With Pleasure that i Write to you to let you know that i am Well at this Present time i Resived your letter of the twelfth\_\_\_\_\_ and Was glad to hear that you Was all Well at this Present time and improving good health I had just finished a letter and had just sealed it up When i got yours and i Write on this 30 day afact to let you know that i am Well and i had not forgot you You said you Wanted to know how many letters i have had from home i have never had just three letters from home Since i was home last an \_\_\_\_\_ and i Want you to Write as often as posable for you dont know how glad it makes me feel When i hear from home and to know that you are all Well \_\_\_\_\_ stated in \_\_\_\_\_ letter that there Was no Body drafted in \_\_\_\_\_ County But i am sorry for that i Wanted to hear any \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ dare break and lige Baly \_\_\_\_\_ Being drafted But i am sory for Charly Burris i thought Charly Wouldnt get Clear of a draft if they drafted there Well i hante mutch Sorry neither for his \_\_\_\_\_ alet him \_\_\_\_\_ When George and i Came for the \_\_\_\_\_ no Better than \_\_\_\_\_ are as any Body elses Boys it rained here on the 25 about four inches deep and on sunday i had to go out on Picket i made \_\_\_\_\_ Ben and buried \_\_\_\_\_ it with \_\_\_\_\_ and at \_\_\_\_\_ end and i brekt in and slept like a \_\_\_\_\_ i Was on the Releaf and i Was in no danger for there Was Pickets all Round me Within a half of amile and they could \_\_\_\_\_ get me and the captin th \_\_\_\_\_ he has the Big head So that he Will never get a \_\_\_\_\_ them in the World you Stated in you other letter that if hells did not raise Your Wager 25cts on that day that You Was agoing to \_\_\_\_\_ and that You Could get 40 dollars amonth [5 words?] you must do as you think Best about that But i Would like You \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ When i came home i stated in my other letter that i Was a going to fetch home about five or ten horses and that i Wanted you to Write and let me know What you think about it Well know i guess i have Wrote enough for this time and \_\_\_\_\_ So good By give my Best respects to all and So be good By father and mother Brother and sister

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Direct your letter to lexington Ky By Way of Louisville KY

from John Henry Walters

To his \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob Walters

and his mother Mary Walters

Jacob Walters

Mary M. Walters

D C Walters

Mary Ida Walters truly Yours

John H. Walters and So good By

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John Walters Letter Transcription Oct. 30, 1862 Dear little sisters

Oct. 30, 1862

Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Lexington Ky

Dear little sisters i hav not forgotten you although far from each other i Would like to see you once more although i Cannot see you yet for a While i Would like to hear your little feet patter on the floor and i Would like to Be home Christmas and new year and sit By your little side around around fathers and mothers dinner table and Partake of some of the fruit thereof and if no \_\_\_\_\_ happens i think i Will Be a setting By your little side i think it Would go different to eat some of the Cakes from off that good old table in whitch i have sat By your little side and eat off of so many times i think it Would go different to let some of that cake thru these \_\_\_\_\_ in Whitch i had got to eat to every day i am now Writing an \_\_\_\_\_ in Whitch We eat off of that and the ground Constitute my Writing desk But i am my \_\_\_\_\_ and it is pleasant in the tent. Well litle isters as i have never Written to you since i left home i Wil try and Write to you and let you know that i am Well at this Present time and i hope that these few lines may find You injoying the same health i think i Will Be home Crismis and new year for george his \_\_\_\_\_ and myself have the Permission \_\_\_\_\_ from the captain But we cant rely on that far he tells the Boys any thing to get rid of them But he told George that We could have \_\_\_\_\_ We are going to have it You must not think i am home sick By the Way that i Write for i am Well Will quit for this time and So good By ida this Presant i Will send to you Know \_\_\_\_\_ and i Want You to String it on a String of Beeds Where it can be seen and Was it of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and rember me and keep it till i come home and So good By little sister Write Soon John Walters to his sisters \_\_\_\_\_ Mother ida Walters D C Walters good By Ida good By Ida

**John Walters Letter Transcription Nov. 8, 1862**

November 8 1862  
Camp Nicholasville, Ky

Dear Brother tis with pleasure that i Write you these few lines To let you know that i am Well at present and i hope that these few lines may find you injoying the same health i received your letter of the 2 \_\_\_\_\_ and Was glad to hear that you and the rest of the folks Was Well at \_\_\_\_\_ and You Wanted me to let you know Wheather i got your letter or not i got it on the first day of novimber and i did not answer it till to day Whitch is the ninth day of the month We left lexington on the first day of november fpr nicholsville ky and We got in town in the evening there is about one thousand inhabitance here i guess We Will Winter here But We cannot tell What they are agoing to do as the Cant tell them selves We has gon do times \_\_\_\_\_ an has We are general Smiths Body guards and have been ever Since the first day of the month i have not Been out of Camp for too Weeks i Way ahundred and Sixty and \_\_\_\_\_ strike \_\_\_\_\_ i has first got through taking \_\_\_\_\_ most of Kentucky Walnuts i \_\_\_\_\_ crack and it t times bushels i dont know Wheather You Would know me as not for i am as fat as ahog if the Captain furlowes any of the Boys honest i am agoing to try to Come home [quick as i can?] \_\_\_\_\_ But Whether We Will get it or not i cannot tell But george Says he Will have on \_\_\_\_\_ as Shit all over the platter We Will get our pay in afew days and i Will send you some mony i Want to know Wheather You got that mony as not if you did not i Want to Know it and if you did i Want to Know it i [2 words?] Jackson Ball did not get these and if you got mine let me know in yur next letter Know i guess i Will Close and So good By dear Brother father mother and sister tell ida that i Want as like to see her little face some more and i think i Wil Before another six month \_\_\_\_\_ P Write to me and tel me know Wheather she is Well or not Write soon and so good By \_\_\_\_\_ ida good By From J H Walters to D C Walters Henry good by

**John Walters Letter Transcription of Nov. 23, 1862**

Camp Near a hore house

November 23, 1862 Camp Louisville Ky

Dear brother tis With pleasure that i Write you these few lines to let you know that i am Well at this time and i hope that these few lines may find you the same health and all the rest You sead that i could Write on this sheet and i guess i Will you stated that you Was up to Warsaw last satterday and You never saw so many clirks in your life if i Was there i think i would make some of them cluk [click] in a different Way You said that you heard John \_\_\_\_\_ say that if i Would get in a fight i Would shed often a tear But i guess that is amistake i Would not shed atear But i would make the Rebbles [Repples?] shit Right Where they Was hitched You said that you heard \_\_\_\_\_ telling abut me and John fighting the Bumbles Boys in ohio Will i have got \_\_\_\_\_ withem \_\_\_\_\_ spells Yam little tied if you Was on my \_\_\_\_\_ here i think You Would not Be So Brave But You are like John Kelles \_\_\_\_\_ do all of Your fighting a great Ways off We think We Will leave in a day as to Well W \_\_\_\_\_ little tired i Was Back there i Wold make Yans ass Brake Yans neck as \_\_\_\_\_ the d \_\_\_\_\_ some other Way tell John & \_\_\_\_\_ to Kiss my ass \_\_\_\_\_ tell Bill miller to kiss my ass and all the rest of the Boys about Warsaw i guess i Will haft to quit as it is getting late and so good By Write soon Well i Will say a few Words to ida tell ida to eat a peas of Sassage for me and Wheat cake for me and that Will do as Well as ar if i Was there to eat it my self Well ida as it is getting late i guess i Will haft to close and so good By ida Write soon and so good By to all

Good By Ida WRITE Soon

Jacob Walters

Mary Walters

DC Walters

Mary ida Walters good By ida

Write Soon

from J H Walters to

his Brother D C Walters good By

Write soon good By \_\_\_\_\_

Good By ida

John H. Walters Letter Transcription Dec. 14, 1862

December 14, 1862

Memphis Tennessee

Dear father and mother tis With Pleasure that i Write you these few lines To Let you know that i am Well at this time i wrote you a letter since We come here and have got no answer i Would like to hear from you all once more and hear how you are a getting along and know Whether you are all Well or not We are having a good time here al though We are a great Ways from home We are Still general smiths Body guards and are likely To be here a While he likes us pretty Well But he says We are \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ Bricks and Company is all sick But and left Behind a \_\_\_\_\_ But about forty men that is all that We can muster at this time mack \_\_\_\_\_ got sick at Louisville and We left him there and i have not heard from him since We left there there is about fifty thousand soldiers here general sherman Came by the \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday has forty regiments and i dont know Whether We Will haft to go or not When you Write again i Want you to tell me What the folks think about the War and how much longer is they think it Will last and i Want you to say What you think about it \_\_\_\_\_ how mutch longer You think it Will last has my \_\_\_\_\_ i dont think it Will last mutch longer the next letter that you Write direct it By Way of \_\_\_\_\_ and maby i can get aletter once more Well now \_\_\_\_\_ i Will say a few Words to You and quit Well \_\_\_\_\_ i like to play soldiers as Well as ever But it is in a hogs ass i Wish i Was in old indiana this Winter and i think i Will Be Before long if the my health to ever get these tell ida that i am Well and in hopes these few lines Will find her in the same State of health i hope she Will eat that peas of sassage for me that i tell her to eat for me Well i guess that i hase We ate enough fur this time and so good By ida and all the rest Write soon J H Walters good By ida from J H Walters To his father and mother at \_\_\_\_\_ indiana

Jacob Walters

Mary Waters

\_\_\_\_\_ Walters

Mary ida Walters

Good By ida and all the rest tell grand father i am Well good by ida

## John Walters Letter Transcription December 16, 1862

December 16th 1862 Memphis Tenisee

Dear father and mother tis With Pleasure that i Write you these few lines i have just got that letter that [came?] and mandy wrote and you dont know how glad i Was When i heard that You Was all Well i am Well at this time and i hope that these few lines may find you all in the same state of health  
mandy \_\_\_\_\_ said that she Wrote george and me a letter and Put them in one envelope But We never got it Henry States in his letter that he could Whale me any how if i could Srike a Pous \_\_\_\_\_ Well Henry if i hit You You Would think that the moon had fell on him or something els had hapened him he said that he \_\_\_\_\_ as shit Well i guess You Wont shit Write Where You Was \_\_\_\_\_ Well you stated that ida \_\_\_\_\_ past me Well i guess she can for ever time i go to ast i shit i have had the shits for about too Weeks But i have got so that i can fast now and shit a couple times once more as i shitss as i \_\_\_\_\_ falls at Yan said that manny of the Boys Was agoing to get married about Warsaw Well if they think there is no \_\_\_\_\_ let them go in on these \_\_\_\_\_ there Will Be Plenty has no solfiers When We Could have Come home You said that You \_\_\_\_\_ Your shits some other girl Well i gues it Will Be some other girl Well i am glad that You got my Bounty mony as for sending mony home i cant get any mony my Self but \_\_\_\_\_ But if i do i Will send it home that stamp Comes quite in handy i thank You for small favers and large ones in preparation this is all about that as i Write i Can hear the Canon says they are Breaking for We \_\_\_\_\_ on the 18 for Vixburg the Rebbels had that Place But i guess they Will \_\_\_\_\_ if general smith takes the Right Wing of the army of the army of tenisee i guess We Will get to see some of the sho yet Well i inlisted to fight the Rebbels and i gues i Can hold my \_\_\_\_\_ With the Rest Smith is Berinated (brevetted?) to a mager general now and i guess that he Will haft to go into the field and he says that We have got to go along With him as his Body guards We leve on the 18 for vicksburgh it has Been a nice day today i Went \_\_\_\_\_ the other day and i saw salted \_\_\_\_\_ and Cabbag [growing?] in the gardens here it is as Warm here as it is in march there it Rained here Yesterday as had as ever i seen it in my life and today is a prety day i Want You o Write once a Week as idont get the lttters that You Write if You Write as often as you say you do \_\_\_\_\_ Can Write oftener if he Wanted to and i cannot Write as often as i Want to and an other thing is i Cannot get stamps When i Want them We are having a good time here and i hate to leave But if We have got to go i dont care \_\_\_\_\_ vixsburg is about a hundred miles down the River the Paper states that they are evac[uating?] that Place But i cant tell how true it is for the Papers li So We dont Know When to Belive them i have not got tired of Plaing Soldier yet But i Would like to Be home Christmas and new year and eat a \_\_\_\_\_ Bite and apeas of sassage With ida i guess it is Pretty Cold up there But i Wouldnt mind that if i Was Back Christmas and new year i think i Could eat a \_\_\_\_\_ of sausage and about fifteen Buck Wheat Cakes tell mandy that i am Well and i hope these few lines may find her in the same health Well as it is getting late and Rather Cold in my Barn i guess i Will Close Well to ida and Close Well ida i hope that You will Be a good Girl till i Come home and i Will fetch You and mother something nice Well [indecipherable, 10 lines]

Jacob Walters

Mary M. Walters

D C Walters

Mary ida Walters \_\_\_\_\_

Write \_\_\_\_\_

By to all [2 words] ida

## John Walters Letter of December 18, 1862

December 18, 1862

Memphis tenisee

Dear father and mother tis With pleasure that i Write You these few lines to let You Know that i am Well at this time and i am glad to hear that you are all Well i reseived them things that you sent With mister Reuben\_\_\_\_\_ them socks and glases and papers & Pants and all the Rest Come quite handy has i hadnt Put on Pares of socks left i Washes my feet and Put on a pare of socks as quick as \_\_\_\_\_ Could lick his ass Tom W\_\_\_\_\_ to know Where We Would Camp as far that i cant tell Where We Will Camp We are under marching orders now i guess We Will go to vicksburg to take that But if You Want to send me any thing direct it to memphis tenisee With general a j smith You spoke about life\_\_\_\_\_ i stalks\_\_\_\_\_ enough While i Was in Kintucky To do me till \_\_\_\_\_ Was first \_\_\_\_\_ When Rens\_\_\_\_\_ Came Back i still smoke and it is quite a comfort to me to smoke and in Camp spoke about drars and Shirts i have got 4 shirts and 3 pare of drars i have got enough shirts and drars You wanted to know Who Was my messmate most sangh \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeps With me \_\_\_\_\_ bunk and Wess Kinn\_\_\_\_\_ is in the mess Where i Stay and a young fella from Cal\_\_\_\_\_ By the name of stackhouse and lieutenant Robins 6 in all i got every thing that You sent me and i Was glad to get some thing from home and more that your hands \_\_\_\_\_ up as handsome\_\_\_\_\_ i dont Know When i Can come home for they dont give you furlous any more as i Write i can hear the canon roar they are Bracting\_\_\_\_\_ it is a Warm day here and i am Writing in my shirt sleeves in the tent and it is quite Warm i dont think that it Will be long any more till i come home to stay at home We are having a good time here in Camp We have plenty to eat We draw flour and have some nigars to Bake it has \_\_\_\_\_ that [3 words?] to the Camp they can Bake Pretty good Biscake and We have Plenty of sour Belly to eat and Beer and molases and Beans and Rice and Crackers and lots of other things i have not Been sick any at all But i have had the shifts But i have got over them \_\_\_\_\_ and i am all right again Well i guess i have Wrote enough But Before i Close i Will say that Jacob Baker Came Back With Renc\_\_\_\_\_ and he is here and i guess he Will join our Company Well i guess i must [close?] for this time tell ida that i acan hear that fart she let on mothers lap tell ida that i am Well and so good By ida and all the Rest from John W alters to his father and mother

Jacob Walters

Mary Walters

D C Walters &

Mary ida Walters

Write soon good By ida and all the Rest in haste



## John Walters Transcribed Letter of Feb. 9, 1863

february 9 1863 Camp Near vicksburg

Dear father and mother tis With Pleasue that i Write You these few lines to let you Know that i am Well at this time and i hope that these few lines may find you all in the same state of health I Received Your letter of the 28 and Was glad to hear that you was all Well at that time and I hope You Will Be When you get this letter Well as I Write I can hear the gun Boats Caronndilet and Cincinati Belching out there \_\_\_\_\_ of smoke and shell \_\_\_\_\_ if You Was down here You Would think that the heavens Was open \_\_\_\_\_ But alas \_\_\_\_\_ the sound of the Cannons open Roar that i hear Well Walther Wanted to know about Jackson \_\_\_\_\_ He left K \_\_\_\_\_ at memphis in the \_\_\_\_\_ and Jackson is With the Company he is not very Well he is By my side and he sends you all his Best Respects and if You See any of his folks to tell them how he Was mother Wanted to know how many Battles i have Been in I have Ben in too Battles and they Was Battles too and Battle We got licked and the other Battle i Was in We took about 8 \_\_\_\_\_ thousand Prisners it Was the Battle at arkansas Post Where We took the Prisners and the Battle of vixburg We got licked Some ball hit Par \_\_\_\_\_ But i Call it a good beating \_\_\_\_\_ tell father that i find out one of our men cant lick three Rebbels or just to argu With him that they cant \_\_\_\_\_ that they fight like Sonsof Bitches that is \_\_\_\_\_ out With me it [takes?] man for man and then it is tight ass and \_\_\_\_\_ then Whitch Whips mother wanted to know how i likes to hear Bullets Whisteling i like it Wll enough as long as they keep a Way from us \_\_\_\_\_ and my self Went down on the fields Where they Was afighting and We Went further than We had any Business to When a bullet Cam Whistling along Within about six insish of our heads then You aught to see us making \_\_\_\_\_ [6 lines illegible]

meets and if they do any thing it Will put \_\_\_\_\_ Was if We lick them and at vixburg it Will \_\_\_\_\_ abb \_\_\_\_\_ off all there sublies from the Western army they call it \_\_\_\_\_ Richmond and say it is imprignable and Cannot Be taken But i think When General Grant army all gets here that she must fall his army hasnt all got here Yet But they are coming in Division after division the next Battle that is fought here Will Be the Biggest Battle that has been fought during the War Because nature itself has formed fortifications that cannot Be easily taken there is hill after hill and on the top of evry hill is canon after canon and ythis makes me think that it Will take fighting to Whipe them out vixburg is a very large place We Can see it from the generals head quarters and it is high and Roling and has some very nice bildings in the sity i hear that Burnsides is driving the Rebbels if he is driving the Rebbels Back i think that he can lick them this time for they cant Reinforce Richmond from Vixburg like they did Before for if they take aman from Vixburg We Will \_\_\_\_\_ in and take Vixburg like a chicken hack Would take a chchiken from its mother hen the next time you see \_\_\_\_\_ tell him that i am glad that he is Brave and that the Way he hares a canon i sent \_\_\_\_\_ back But i guess he Would Rather face a good dinner than a canon or a musket \_\_\_\_\_ the Wy he hares a canan \_\_\_\_\_ But i guess he Would Rather face a good \_\_\_\_\_ than a canan or a musket arey and tell John \_\_\_\_\_ that i Would like to be Back and dine With him tell him that i Wish him mutch joy and hapiness \_\_\_\_\_ harmony and long life tell Bill miller that I send him my Best Respects and if he dont hurry and mary his \_\_\_\_\_ tht he Will Be Behind the rest of the Boys Well i guess i must quit and get diner i am Writing in my shirt sleeves an a table that We have to eat off of Good By Write soon John H. Walters to D C Walters Good By Well \_\_\_\_\_ Dear sister i Will Say a few Words to You and \_\_\_\_\_ States in his letter that You Was a little lady and \_\_\_\_\_ sing like a lark i am in hopes that \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ to sing Well till i come home so that you can sing \_\_\_\_\_ i think that after i get my mony i can get a furlow to leave here and i Will \_\_\_\_\_ [11 lines illegible]

I Will send Yo some Cotton With the Seeds and all \_\_\_\_\_ just as it grows You may keep it to show as \_\_\_\_\_ as you like i know it Will Be acuriosity \_\_\_\_\_ for the folks to see



Write and tell me Whether You got this letter or not Write soon \_\_\_\_\_ J Walters Good By ida By ida  
Write soon good By ida

\_\_\_\_\_

## John Walters Letter of Feb. 10, 1863

February 10. 1863  
Malagurdi Bay Texas  
head quarters & division  
8 army \_\_\_\_\_  
army of the gulf

Dear and affectionated Sister tis With Pleasure that i Write you these few lines to let you know that i am Well at this time and hope that these few lines may find you in the Same State of health i have not Written to you for Some time and i thought that i Would drop you a few few lines to let you know how We are getting along away down here in dixy Well dear litle Sister We are having a good time down here and i trust you are injoying the Same although We are a great Ways apart Well dear little Sister i Wish that i could See you and more and i hope that the day is not far distant When We Will See each other \_\_\_\_\_ i long to See the day When We can hear no more of the Canons open roar and the Sharp Crack of the muskets and the hissing of grape and Canister Well dear little Sister i Wish that you war here to go with me up the Beach and gather Shells and See the Waves that Roll on the mother of Watters Well dear Sister i Will Send you Some little Shells in this letter But they are not half So pretty as the larger ones and i Will Send mother [a song?] Well i must go and light my pipe Well now she is all right again mother Stated in her letter that She didnt Want me to Reinlist Well now dear Sister and the friends at home you need not

Be afraid of this they Cant fool [an] old hand every day he is to Sharp for to fight to free the [darned?] Black Whelps \_\_\_\_\_ i think that if the lord Spars me i Shall [serve?] out there three years and then Come home and See Whitch BlackPlace i like the best But i like the S \_\_\_\_\_ pretty Well Well now dear Sister for the \_\_\_\_\_ Buck cake i Want you to first eat and one yard of that sassage that you made and about a dosen Buck Cakes and eat them for \_\_\_\_\_ and you and When i Come home you and i Will eat Sassage in pardnerShip i Want you to Write to me and tell me What Cavalry Rafi Tic \_\_\_\_\_ hart is in for if my Company Reinlists i intend to go to his Company and i Want you to Write to me and tell me Who all gets drafted i got aletter from John S \_\_\_\_\_ a few days ago and he said that he Was afraid he Would Be drafted i Want you to Write and let me Know i am in hopes that the draft Will hit Bill milli \_\_\_\_\_ and all the Rest of the Boys around town for they hante no better than i am i Want you to Write Soon Well as Supper is about Ready and \_\_\_\_\_ is getting Seared i guess i Will haft to Close By Saying good By to all \_\_\_\_\_ good By ida from John H. Walters to his Sister

Mary ida Walters good By ida

give my Best Respects to grandfather and mother and tell them i Would like to See them  
good By ida Write By ida Write soon

## John H. Walters Letter Transcription of May 29, 1863

May 29 1863 Camp on the east Side of vixburg

Dear father and mother tis With Pleasure that i Write you these few lines to let You Know that I am Well at this time and I hope that these few lines may find you in the Same health I Resieved your letter that Was dated may the tenth and I \_\_\_\_\_ that You Was all Well at that time i Was glad to hear that my mony and Close got home Safe Well Now I Will tell You Something about how We are getting along down here We left millikens Bend about the first of last month and marched to grand gulf and We fought the Rebbels about too days before they surrendered that Place and then they made a Stand at Big Sandy and We licked them and at that Place and then they fell Back to Champion hill and We thrashed them out ther With a loss of about Six hundred killed and Wounded then they made a stand at Big Black River here We Captured 18 Pieses of artilary and one Brigade of Prisners and then they fell Back to vixburg Where We are Now the distance We traveled is abt 125 miles in the Round I think We captured about fifteen thousand Prisners and about three hundred Pieces of artilary you Stated in Your letter that you Shot the Cannan and Cheered Because We had Richmond I Would Just Say dont Cheer Before You Know Wheather it is So as not I got a tribune yesterday and it Said that the Rebbels had evacuated vixburg this is not So Because We have got them in there holes and there hant aman get out they Sent over a flag of truse Yesterday and they Said they Would Surrender the Plase if they Would let them take out [there?] men But general grant told them that nothing But an uncondichinal Surrender Would do him What [there?] men they are We dont know about daylight this morning Commensed the Shelling and Kept it up for ahalb of an our Henry i Wish You Was down here to hear our artilary let out once i think you Would be deaf Your Walk Right quick and hunt a tree and hug it right tight the first day We attacked vixburg We follard the general Clear up to the front of our lines When the Rebbels commensed to throw Shell When the general told us to dismount and get Behind trees this We done on double quick i got Behind a tree and Streched myself out till i Warent any Biger than any Stamp\_\_\_\_\_ and i Warand long about it either You Speak about \_\_\_\_\_ taking Vixburg We Will take Vixburg in Spite of there talk for they are Surrounded on all Sides Some of the Prisners Say that they hant got more than five days Rations Mother Said She Was Washing my close and if She had the Rest She Would Wash them i Wish that i Was Back there So that She could Wash them i am glad to hear that ida is Well and \_\_\_\_\_ little girl Captain leslie has Been Promoted to majer of the Rigament that Will fetch up galages Captain W\_\_\_\_\_ first lieutenant and george h[issing]\_\_\_\_\_ 2 lieutenant if the Captain is agoing to take the Company home to Recruit if he Can and then We are agoing to the Rigament Well i guess i Will Close for this time \_\_\_\_\_ Said i Shold Write how N\_\_\_\_\_ Westhale is agetting along n\_\_\_\_\_ has Been Sick But is getting Better he is up and around Good By to all Write Soon give my Best Respects to all the pretty girls around there good By ida I \_\_\_\_\_ Walters to his B\_\_\_\_\_

Jacob Walters

Mry Walters

D C Walters

mary ida Walters

Good By ida

Write soon

I Will Send Henry asong\_\_\_\_\_

## John Walters Letter Transcription of Sept. 28, 1863

September 28, 1863  
Carlton Louisiana  
Six miles new orleans

Dear father and mother tis With Pleasure that i Write you these few lines to let you know that i am Well at this time and i hope that these few lines may find you in the Same State of health When they Come to hand i just came to Camp last night and i thought that i Would drop you a few lines last Wensday We Was ordered to have five days Ratiuons in our haver Sack We got on the Boat and Went up the River to [?ivitte?] Whitch is about 90 miles up the River there We got off of the Boat and Chased the garilles to galveston louisiana Whitch is about 80 miles Back from the River they come up to the River and fired at the Boats as they \_\_\_\_\_ up and down the River We had plenty to eat While We Was gone We had Chicken and honey and fresh pork and all that We Wanted i larn that We have got to go into texas Whitch is about 200 miles We have got to go to BraShes Sitty in texas if you get the maps and you Can find out where it is for my part i dont lknow Where it is Well now i must quit for the Cook has got dinner Ready Well now i Will finnish Well i have just eat a big dinner of Chicken that i got While i W as out on that march and i feel Buly over my dinner if it was a \_\_\_\_\_ hen i am Writing and ataking a good Smok of the pipe When you Write i Want you to Write and let me know Whether Jim marrin has got home as not tell him that i Send him my Best Respects tell John S \_\_\_\_\_ that i have Written him a l;etter and have had no anser give my Best Respects to all the Boys and girls around Warsaw Well V \_\_\_\_\_ i Will Say a few Words to you i thought that i Could get \_\_\_\_\_ home on furlow this time But i guess i Will haft to Wait till next time them Bullets you know you Can Shoot them all away and Run some more for me When i Come home and i Want you to tell all of the Boys about Bill millice & his \_\_\_\_\_ to go in the infantry for if they do they Will \_\_\_\_\_ the day they inlisted and dont you go in the infantry tell ida that i Want her to Be a good little lady till i Come home if We Stay here a Weak longer i Will get Paid off and i Will Send her my likeness and See if She Would Know and i dont expect She Would Know me any more for i have Been a Way So long i Want you to Write Soon and So good By ida Write soon

When you Write again direct your letter just the Same as Before only put general S.g. Burbridges name in the Place of \_\_\_\_\_  
from John Henry Walters  
to his Parents

Jacob Walters  
Mary W Walters  
D c Walters  
Mary \_\_\_\_\_ Walters  
Write soon good by ida  
John H. Walters  
Write Soon  
John H. Walters

**John H. Walters Letter Transcription of Dec. 11, 1863**

December 11.1863  
Biry Pine Bay la  
headquarters  
6 division 13 army corps

Dear father and mother tis With Pleasure that i Write you these few lines to let You Know that i am Well at this time and i hope that these few lines may find you in the Same State of health We left new \_\_\_\_\_ last mundy and tra[veled?] Back to BirWhick Bay Where We are now We Will lay here for 2 or 3 days and then We Will [leave?] here But i dont know Where We Will go the Re\_\_\_\_\_ is that We Will go to memphis i hope We Will if We do i Will \_\_\_\_\_ Write and let you Know i hope you are all Well at this time if We Camp in memphis if We do i Will come home if i Can i think We Will for all the offisers have gone home to Recruit and i dont think We Will go out in the field for all of the officers have gone home to Recruit George hirsang has got his Commition for Second lieutenant and Will Be home in a few days to Recruit for the Company William Shen\_\_\_\_\_ has got his Commition for first lieutenant general [Bg?] Burbridge has gone home and general \_\_\_\_\_ commands the division We are having a good time in Camp Wan We have Plenty to eat and Ware We have had no pay for six month We Will get ours just as soon as We get Settled \_\_\_\_\_ Well i guess i Will Close for this time as i am Writeing on my Belly writing on my Bely good By for this time

Write soon good By ida  
tell ida i am Well and i hope She is the Same  
Good By ida Write Soon good By  
from John H. Walters  
to his father and mother  
\_\_\_\_\_ Walters  
Mary Mary \_\_\_\_\_ Walters  
D [?] Walters  
Mary ida Walters  
Write Soon  
Write Soon

John Walters Transcribed Letter of Dec. 16, 1863

Alglass, louisiana  
December 16, 1863  
Head quarters & division

Dear father and mother tis With Pleasure that i Write You these few lines to tell you that i am Well at this time and i hope that these few lines may find you injoying the Same Blessing i have nothing mutch to Write about to day But mother said in her letter that i Should Write any how and i thought that i Would Write a few lines Well mother Said that She Was in \_\_\_\_\_ that We Would Send \_\_\_\_\_ home But instead of coming [back? ] home We ae going farther a Way We are [laying?] under marching orders now We are going to texas to do garison duty and to keep Smuglers from Smugling arms into the Kingdom Well as i have See So mutch of the World Since i inlisted i Want to See texas But i Would [Rather?] Went By land than By Water But as i have got to go By Water \_\_\_\_\_ let her Rip i am able to Stand it as any of the Rest Well i Want you When you Write again to Write and tell me all about the \_\_\_\_\_ and all about the Big Battles trhat have Been fought in the eastern department We are having a good time in Camp now tell \_\_\_\_\_ that i just now Bought this [Bess?] and [holdes?] and While She Was making Change i stole a Box of Blacking and Some appeles out of her Basket tell him that is all the Way i Can Keep \_\_\_\_\_ i Bought an orange just Know for five Sents that Will Way a Pound and as i eat it i Will think of him and ida and think how i Wish that they had one apeas just like it tell ida that if i get my Pay Before We leave for texas i Will get my likeness taken and Send it to her tell her to get hers taken as [? of B?] and Send it to me and her mother too and have them do it Rite a Way and after they get these taken i Want you and father to have yourself taken and Send it to me Well i dont know Wheather i can get to come home or not Before my time is out as not i am Sattisfied \_\_\_\_\_ as long as You all Keep Well and i Keep Well in Camp[ tell \_\_\_\_\_ Wynant that i Send her and [2 words?] my Best Respects and Will Write to her in a few days tell John \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ that i Want him to anser that i Write him and do it quick too give \_\_\_\_\_ and his lady my Best Respects i Want you to Write and tell me Where \_\_\_\_\_ is and Whether he is dead or alive and Well or not give my love to all Write Soon good By to all good By ida from John Walters to his Brother \_\_\_\_\_ Walters Write soon

\_\_\_\_\_ Walters

Write Soon Mary \_\_\_\_\_ Walters

Good By D \_\_\_\_\_ Walters

to all Write \_\_\_\_\_ Walters

Soon

good By ida



John Walters Transcribed Letter of Apr. 20, 1864

April 20, 1864  
grandiaire, louisiana  
headquarters 4 division  
13 army Corps

Dear father and mother tis With Pleasure that i write youj these few lines to let you know that i am Well at this time and Was glad to her that you Was Well When you Wrote on the third day of the month i Received your Welcome letter and Parused it With Pleasure after another hard fight and a grand Retreat i thought i Would draft you a few lines to let you know how We are agetting along down here We had a hard fight on the eight and ninth days of this month general Banks was there in Person general franklin had Command of the horses and he made an ass of this hole thing he Sent the troops in By detail Something i never Seen Before he Would Send them By Regiments at a time and Weight till they Woud get Whipted and then he Would Send in an other and that is the Way he Worked it the Rebbels Captured Sixty Wagons loaded With Provisions they Call Banks there Camasary Sergeant they Say he Keeps them in hard tack We Will fall Back to Alexandria Within afew days Banks had enough men to have Whiped the Rebbels if he had aput them all in at once grant Would a took that amount of men and Whaled the Shit out of the Rebbels \_\_\_\_\_ Spoke about ida having Been exposed to the measels i hope She Wont get them but if She does i Want you too take good Care of her and not let her go out and Catch Cold \_\_\_\_\_ Said them Shells had got home i Want to Know how ida liked them and mathes too and all the Rest i Want you to keep them till i come home Rember they Came across the Briny deelep [Henry?] Spoke about \_\_\_\_\_ Revolvers i Could have got all the Revolvers i \_\_\_\_\_ a carried out on the Battlefield the other day But i Couldnt send them home for every thing is inspected Before they Will Receive it and they wont let aman Send any Sutch thing if they had i Would have had a dosin Sent home By this time Mother and father always Said if i Wanted any thing i Should Send for it Well here She Comes i Will tell you What i Want i Want mother to make too Check Shirts With a Side Pocket in and Without \_\_\_\_\_ as With them in just as She Pleases about that She Can Send them By male just Put on three Stamps on it and they Will Come through tell mother i Will Pay her Well for it When i Come home i am agoing to try to get to come home this \_\_\_\_\_ if i Can i Will Send her too dollars and thay Will Pay her for making them and She Can take Some of that mony that i Sent home and By the Stuff i Will Send ida fifty Sents for to get Some Raisins With no more at Present But Write Soon from J Walters to his father and mother

Jacob Walters

Mary M Walters

D C Walters

Mary ida Walters Write Soon

good By ida

Direct your letter to head quarters 4 division

(line indistinct)

army of the gulf

near \_\_\_\_\_ la

Give my love to grand father and all of hte Rest

good By for this time Write Soon

good By ida

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## John Walters Letter Transcription of April 30, 1864

April 30, 1864

Head quarters in alexandra la

Dear father and mother tis With Pleasure that i Write you these few lines to let you Know that i am Well at this time and Was glad to hear that you Was Well When you Wrote on the Seventh of this month i Was sorry to hear that ida had the measels But it is Better for her to have them When she is little than after She has grown up

We have fallen Back to Alexandra from naekatachur[Nakadoches?] a distance of 90 miles general Banks is the Biggest Coward i ever Saw for he falls Back at the first Sight of the Rebbels We had a little fight the other day and he didnt Weight to See how many there Was But ordered us to fall Back the very first thing he done general franklin has gone to new orleans he got Wounded at the Battle of mansfield he got Shot in the thy

You Will See it in the Pappers a great union victory Won By general Banks on the Red River Country But When You Read it Rember you Read aly[a lie] i Will tell you Wht Kind of a victory it Was Well in the first Place We lost a hundred and ten Wagons loadend With hard tack Beans & Coffee and \_\_\_\_\_ and 18 Wagon loads of ammunition and 20 Pieces of artillary and about three thousand kiled Wounded and missing and if you Call that a victory i dont Want to See many Sutch victoryes We had even enough there to have licked the Shit out of them But it Warent managed Wright the troops Was Sent in Buy detail a Brigade at a time and as fast as they got licked he Would Send in another

But i think things Will go different now that John a mclernand has arrived here from the gulf the Boys all go there \_\_\_\_\_ dull as an hin\_\_\_\_\_ i guess he Will Release general Banks our company is With him it is his escort they like him and he likes the Boys Pretty Well our Company is ordered to the Rigament and the Rigament is the army of the Potamack But John mclernand says he Wont let us go till this [expedition?] is over and the lord only Knows When that Will Be Captan garbyhes\_\_\_\_\_ Says he Will go by indiapolus and give the Boys 30 days furlow But We [can't?] But no depend and in What he Sayes

as at least i dont go mutch on that any how i Want you to tell me inyour next letter wheather george hissang is at homeyet or not and how many Recruits he has got for our Company and how Soon he is a going to Start for the Company. Well i guess i Will Close for this time give my Best Respects to grand father & mther and all inquiring frinds.

tell ida to Be a nice little lady till i Come home and i Will Buy her a new dress that Costs five dollars good By ida Write

Soon good By ida

from John Henry Walters to his father and mother

Jacob Walters

Mary M Walters

D C Walters

Mary ida Walters Write Son good By ida

i dont Know Wheather you Can

Read this or not i Will [?] Better

next time Write Soon good By ida

**John Walters Special Orders Transcription June 16, 1864**

Head Quarters Lafourche Dist.  
Thibodauce, La, June 16, 1864

Special Orders  
No. 67

Private John King & John H. Walters of the 4th Inda. Calvy, will proceed to Greenville and report to Captain Gallagher of their Regiment. The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary Transportation, also Transportation for 2 Horses

By order of Brig. Gen. Robbert A. Cameron  
\_\_\_\_ Laurant  
[Corporals?]

John Walters Letter Transcription July 30, 1864

Chatanooga Tennesse  
July 30th 1864

Dear father and mother tis With Pleasure that i Write you these few lines to let you know that i am Well at this time and hope you are in the Same State of health i have Written one letter since i Came here and i thought that i Would Write you anouther to let you know how i am getting along i am having a good time in Camp \_\_\_\_\_ bountiful and We Went out getting us all Black Berries We Could eat and could agathered us a Bushel Black Berries and Chesnuts are Plenty here But the Chesnuts hante Ripe yet Whey they do get Ripe i am agoing to Send about a Bushel home if We are here When they get Ripe i saw Phillip Winters and Sammy mitchel they both look natural as old Shoes Sammy Says he Wont Reinlist and i Said Bully for him

We are drawing Saddles to day and Will draw horses tomorrow We are going about fifteen miles up the {tenisee River to \_\_\_\_\_ a horse \_\_\_\_\_ i dont think that We Will get far aWay from Chatanooga till our time is out i Want to Know if there is any talk of the indianas Soldiers getting to home \_\_\_\_\_ to Vote as not there is \_\_\_\_\_ talk in Camp But i dont Believe it i am in hopes they Will so i Can get to eat Some of them goos Berries that i got fooled out of When i Was Back there

i Want to know what that \_\_\_\_\_ had that \_\_\_\_\_ is that [2 words?] for you While you Was up to indianapolis i have for got and \_\_\_\_\_ my week i cant think of it

if you are amind to you may Send me them Stamps that father offered me When i left home

Well I hant got But a year to serve and that Will soon Run \_\_\_\_\_ Well i guess it will \_\_\_\_\_ Well I guess i will Close for this time Write Soon good by ida girl give My Best Respects to You and father and mother

Write soon good By ida

J H Walters to his father and mother

\_\_\_\_\_ Walters

Mary W Walters

Mary ida Walters

good By ida Write Soon

Good by ida

Direct your letters  
to Chatanooga tinesee

\_\_\_\_\_

Write Soon

good by ida

**John Walters Letter Transcription Oct. 26, 1864**

October 26th 1864  
Calhoun Georga

Dear father and mother tis With Pleasure that i Write you these few lines to let you Know that i am Well at this time and hope these few lines may find you injoying the Same Blessing i have not heard from you for too or three Weaks nor i have not Written for about the Same time my Reasons for not Writing is a good one the Rebbels tore up about 20 miles of Railroad track Between R[ingold?] and dalton and there Was no mail come neither Way Well We are having a good time here now We dont have nothing mutch to do and Plenty to eat all the duty We have to do is to forage for our Corn for horses and While We are a foraging for our hores We get alittle for our Selves Sutch as Sweet Potatoes and molasses and young Porkers and Chickens Well i larn from the cincinatti Papers of the twelth that goveernor morton Was elected again By a majority of twenty thousand and i am glad of that and So is all the Rest of the Soldiers for they think that there is no Buddy like morton and i am in hopes that old abe lincon Will get elected By a Biger majority that morton did.

We Went out day Before yesterday after forage and We got our wagons loaded With forage and Was Coming back and the \_\_\_\_\_ Pitched into our \_\_\_\_\_ guard But no Sooner had they Shot than our Bugler Blew the Bugle for our men to get into line and We did get into line With a run and the next order Was to Charg them We Charged on them and Killed three of the gfray jackets there Was abut Within about too hundred yards of the Road Where the fight Came off and the Woman of the house gave the Rebbels the Signal that We Was Coming the signal Was aloud Scream and the first man that Was Killed Was her Son he Was a Bush Whaker for the Rebbels after the fight Was over We Burnt her house and then came to Camp

Well for my part i think that this War is Pretty near Plaid out and if We elect old abe again i think that the War Will Play out about [sic] about the time that our time is out Well i Suppose that you Wish that our time Was out Well if you dont i do and if i live it Wont Be long Before our time is out it Wont take months long to Pull Round and then good By uncle Sam

tell Henry that georg and me thinks that he had Better go to School then Six months that father and mother Wanted him to tell ida to be a nice little lady till i Come home Give my respects to grand father and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and all my Relations good By ida and all the Rest good By ida

Direct your letters  
to Company C 4 ind Cav  
Calhoun Georga  
first divison  
Second Brigade

John Walters Letter Transcription Jan. 7, 1865

January 7th 1865  
Nashvill tenisee

Dear Sister i Promised you that i Would Write to you and let you know What \_\_\_\_\_ a trip We had and let you Know how i am getting along i am Well at this time and hope you and all of the Rest are the Same Well We left Louisville on the 4 of last month and we got as far as franklin Ky Where We Started after the Rebbel general Lyon [probably Hylan B. Lyon, 1836-1907] We Run him 27 days We Captured one Piece of artilery and about one hundred Prisners We Came to Boling green We left him there and another Brigade started after him and We Came on to nashvill Where We are now i under Stand that We leave here on mondy But for Where i do do not Know i understand that We are But \_\_\_\_\_ the Brigade and are going down to the mississippi River and if \_\_\_\_\_ i think We Will have a good time iida said that she helped Henry file \_\_\_\_\_ Well it Wont Be long anymore till i can help ida \_\_\_\_\_ too if ida tell father that i got them three dollars that he sent me and it Came quite handy and i got them Stamps that father and mother sent me mother Said that mary [3 words] he Was drafted Well i am glad of it and i Wish Some more of them Was drafted

Well ida i Want to Know if you got them 15 dollars and 12 dollars that i Sent you for a chrismas gift Well ida as it is Cold i Will Close for this time it snowed about an inch last night and i am Writing in my tent and it is Pretty cold Writing and i Will Close for this time

Write Soon give my love to grand father and mother

i suppose you heard that dasy \_\_\_\_\_ Was dead he died at lewis Ville But i dont know What his deseas Was

i give my love to all and tell mother that george and all of the Rest of the Boys are all Well and \_\_\_\_\_ to [Sh?] there \_\_\_\_\_  
good By ida

Write Soon good By ida

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# John Walters Letter Transcription for Mar. 19, 1865

March 19th 1865  
Camp 4 ind Cavalry  
was east \_\_\_\_\_

Dear father and mother tis With Pleasure that i Write you these few lines to let you know that i am Well and hope you Will Be the Same When these few lines Reaches you i Received too letters one dated february 23 and one dated the 28 the one of the 23 Contained 11 Postage Stamps i was glad to get them for they are hard to get here and the one of the 28 Contained 4 pictures They are as natural as life \_\_\_\_\_ father is the Best one of all But i think of mothers as the Best But every Body that knows you says they look as natural as life \_\_\_\_\_ Says he cudd Pick these out of a thousand tell ida \_\_\_\_\_ all . But that \_\_\_\_\_ hair tell her it wont be long if he \_\_\_\_\_

Crossed the River on the Same day We Went into Camp and laid in Camp all next day and then We \_\_\_\_\_ Camp a distance of one mile We expecct to lay here this month out and maybe longer We was to move When Sherman and Scofield? marched But high Water Said no the Water Rosed So that We Could not march and We are laing here like a dog in his nest Waiting too \_\_\_\_\_ We are \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Where We are needd the most there is Where We Will go

Henry Said he couldend See that Receipt in that letter Well i guess he haddent neither Could i he Was Rght aboutt it i did forgit to Put it in i Will Send it [rest of 2 sentences-copy too faint] tell Henry if he dont think that this is a Peculiar day to Write in tell him to take a Sheat of Paper and lay it on the floor and try it an and and he Will find out give my love to grand father and mother and all inquiring friends

Write Soon good By ida

from John H Walters

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