

ROBERT McDOUGAL TO MACK

Camp Near Boonville July the 4th
Friend Hank

I rec'd your long long expected letter severall days since and was verry glad to here from you Even at the eleventh hour and that you was enjoying yourself well and hope you may long continue so considering you have entered upon what might be called a new existance and also your pardner I should have written sooner had the time bean less exciting as on the first Inst this brigade consisting of this and the 2nd Iowa Regts was attacked in the four part of the day by 8 of the enimys Cos and after a severe engagement of 8 hours repulsed them leaving there dead and wounded on the field during the fight an over whelming number made a charge on this battelion numbering perhaps a hundread men. the others were holding the horses in the rear. we waited untill the flood of man and horse got with in a bout 15 rods . We discharged the contents of our five shooters in the mass scattering them with great loss. Co G had one man slightly wounded in the thigh his name is Charles Vanderburgh of Hillsdale. We were ordered to stand to horse this morning antisipateing an attact. but got foolished a bit. Now Hank as you are no doubt haveing some good times we are doing our best to enjoy our selves although under quite different sircumstances as well although we partake of a soldiers fare (the bitter with the sweet) the fruit of different kinds are begining to get ripe Corn. I have seen some as high as 12 feet. But little planted. Lett me see to day is the fourth I wonder what you and al the other good folks are doing. suppose you lette me know for my part I have not passed the day as I did last 4th (that is one consolation) Now Hank I have had no corespondants late ly so as to find out the particulars of the place I want you to let me know them and more how you realy enjoy your self and how Gust Brown is and Sherm and if John Farquer has returned home Do you know Well as it is getting dark I shall have to close for this time hopeing to here from you soon this leaves me well hopeing you are all the same yours with much esteem

Robert Mc Dougall

To Henry Mc Ewing
Direct to Corinth General Popes Divison
Just Play I have made no mistakes cause I have scratched this off in a hurry. yours
Remember me to all me friends if eny
have not seen Cy in a long time but heard he is well also Ebb

Note: Another letter with no envelope. The writing paper has a patriotic figure imprinted on it and the word "UNION" across the top.

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