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Dear, Mother & Father,
The battle is long & hard. A lot of my fellow soldier's have past away and I miss them. It was a beautiful sight until all this nonsense came. I am surely hurt. My left leg is dislocated & I don't know how I can survive. It's is hard doing the battle in the burning weather! The corporal said there are Jackson and his men standing like a stone wall. That's how Jackson got his nickname. I'm proud of myself to be in the battle. Knowing that I'm saving my country completes my day. How is Alana I heard she was getting sick? I can't wait to get home I'm now in Manasses right now. The war in Manassas was harder than training! I miss you and don't worry about me. I'll be fine!

Love your son,
Joseph



Dear Mom

July 23 1861

We is marching to Manassas. We all wish the battle is going to be victories. I think the war is going to last two months others thank not. My friends cry "I don't want to died" I don't. When we got there and the Union was there.

After the battle we were happy but the 2,000 that died. We camped their that night. I went to bed early. Tomorrow we are going to Fredericksburg. We marched fast. We got there before the Union. I handed in a bulling. We win the battle.

Love

Buddy



July 17, 1861

Dear Mother and Father,

The battle has not ended. I will tell you what has happened so far. When I was in the battle it was hot since it was July and because running with stuff on is hard. I am not lucky because I got shot in my right knee and I thought I would die in perish like my friends but I didn't. I am in the hospital and getting better. I will tell the rest and I hope I will get better. The battle took place in Manassas, Virginia. The name of the battle was the 1st battle of Manassas. In the battle a man named Thomas Jonathan Jackson was just standing right in the middle of the battle like a brick wall and that's how he earned his nick name Stonewall Jackson. Finally the battle is over and the confederates won and I hope every body is doing well.

Love,
Your son
Aaron B.



July 17, 1861

Dear Mother and Father,

I, take pencil and hand to sit upon My stool and write you this letter. My friend died in the battle of Manassas. My Suit is hot and people are dieing from the gun shots. Wile the battle goes on people are still firing at us and peoples suits were getting hot. I am going to fight for my friend that died in the battle of Manassas and I will not rest until I get shot and I will kill all of the bad people that stand in my way. How are the kids doing at home are they being good this might be my last letter to you because I am about to die in the hospital because I got shot in the battle and mother I will be home in a couple of days. Mother I saw Stone Wall Jackson standing in the middle of the war and they gave him that name because he stands like a stone wall. Mother I got out of the hospital and the battle is still going but at lest I am all right now and I am coming home. P.S. Tell the kids that I am coming home at once.

Love, Devin Bouffard



July 23, 1861

Dear mom I've just gone to battle we do not now how long it is going last. The weather is unbelievable here. Any way I wrote this letter to you because I miss you and dad. Any way lets get back to battle stonewall Jacks got his nickname by standing at the first battle of Manassas. The South won the battle.

Love Anthony



July, 1861

Dearest Family,

I didn't expect the North to be as strong as they are. My comrades and I won the battle of Manassas. I heard that my general shout "There stands Jackson like a stone wall" and my buddies and I came back and fought. Now Jackson is called Stonewall. It was very hot and sweaty during the battle. It was hard to load the cannons and our guns. I got very thirsty during the battle but I kept on fighting. I saw the North firing their gun and many of my comrades falling down dead. I am very glad I am alive.

I will go on and try to win this war.

How is my dog? Is he in good health? How is the family? I hope you are doing well. I miss you.

Love,

Tyler



July 17, 1861

Dear Mother,

Many things have happened here since I last wrote to you. First was on July 21 1861 at Manassas, Virginia called the battle of Bull Run. Everyone was watching us and they were even having picnics. But it turned into a fierce battle. Many people got killed and two of my friends got killed too by explosions. With the burning hot sun out my general Thomas G. Jackson just stood there like a stone wall and like he didn't feel anything. That's how he got his nickname "Stonewall". The good thing is that the Confederates won! Now we are just resting in the camp waiting for the next battle. Hoping to see you soon.

Your son,
John

P.S Here is a photo of me. Hope you like it.



Dear, Mother and Father

I have been on this March for weeks it is very sad seeing Many of my friends get hurt, and killed but luckily I am one of the servers who lived in this battle. The weather here is very hot. How's the weather up there? Sometimes there are nice people who give us water on the way to places. I thank them for the water. The people ask about the battle and when it's going to be over no one nose when it's going to be over. How is Tony, and Levy? I want you and them to write back to me. Prey for us. Ill writes back when I can.

LOVE, JOSEPH



Dear Mother and Father

July 18, 1861

The company and I are in Manassas. It's not really what I had expected. A lot of people got injured and it was very loud. Every body said that we looked ravishing in our uniforms. But I bet if they got in that uniform they wouldn't be saying it's so ravishing any more. The battle is over. I'm in my tent writing this letter. I am thankful I am still breathing air. I didn't get a scratch on me. Well I got a few bruises but you know what I mean. General Jackson got his nick name Stonewall because in battle he stood like a stonewall. It was a very cruel and harmful battle. I bet a lot of the people watching thought that too. Oh yeah there was people watching a battle! I guess because they thought it would be over soon but they ran away. I'll be home soon. I love you with all my heart.

Love ' P.S. I left a spare picture at the bottom.



July 17, 1861

Dear Mom, Dad My soldiers and I have won the Battle of Manassas. The Confederate won. Mr. B has spotted Stonewall Jackson and his soldiers. They are standing like a Stonewall that is how Stonewall Jackson got his nickname. Mom I was so hot. Mom all you could here was bombs going off. There were so many soldiers like the Blue - Yankees, Grey - Confederate; Red was just hard to tell maybe dad knows. Anyway the uniforms were so hot I felt like I was going to have a heat stroke. The war is lasting for a long time. The sad part was that my best buddy got shot in the leg and I'm not sure he was going to live. I almost got shot right in the side of my stomach. Other than that how is the family doing? Did anybody get sick? Give all my love to the family love you all. I'm sending this letter from Bull Run.

P. S. there is a picture of me hope you like it.

Love, Memo



July 17, 1861

Dear Mother and Father, We just lost the Battle of Bull Run at Bull Run, Virginia. I hear the Confederates call it The Battle of Manassas. The Confederates were very happy they won. It was very warm here in summer. We were winning at first but victory slipped through our grasp. General Jackson was standing in front of us like stone wall!

I was lucky not to get wounded. My fellow soldier Coll was shot in the leg! My best friend Rafa who was a sniper was sitting in a tree doing what snipers do best in battle. Then a cannonball from the Confederates cannons blew up his tree and sent him sailing out of the tree unconscious and mortally wounded! Rafa lived three days after the battle then past away peacefully.

How are my kids doing? I hope they doing well. If there are any arguments about the war stop it! Tell Charles I'm all right. He is always so worried about me. It's so lonely here at camp. I really miss you. It feels like 100 degrees Fahrenheit in this uniform. I miss being in Maine with you. Oh and tell Helen to make an apple pie when I get home. I love apple pie!

Your loving son,
Patrick

P.S. I'm giving you this picture.



July 18, 1861

Dear Mom and Dad,

It is so hot out here. I'm one of the lucky ones. Many of my fellow comrades have fainted out here because of the scorching heat.

General Jackson got the nickname "stonewall" because he said 'there stands Jackson as still as a stonewall. General Bee also said, 'Rally around those Virginians boys.'

There are cannons and blood
Bursting everywhere! I have not yet been wounded.
There's a wall of black smoke just outside camp.

We're at Bull Run Virginia right now. This is now only the first battle only now.

The south won that's me. I hope the next battle we win too.

Fighting for you
all the way
Your son
Bradley.
Here's a photo of me.



Dear Mom and Dad,

I am a soldier in the Civil War and I just finished the battle in Manassas Virginia. The battle was loud and I didn't like it because we lost. I am very sweaty because of the hot weather. I drank a lot of water.

Do you know that you are pretty? I miss you. How are Lulu, Jack, Sadie, and Kitty Puss doing?



Love, Jim

July 19, 1861

Bull Run, Manassas

Dear Mother and Father,

How are you? I heard that there was a storm down there so I just wanted to know how the farm was doing. Are the girls doing good I hope they have figured out how to play that song on the piano. I'm doing ok except its very sad and the Uniforms are heavy and hot. At first everyone thought the war would be over in a few days but after the victory of the Confederates maybe just one or two more days. I am always very fearful with all the gun shots going off and to be one out of the few that survived this cruel battle. There was one time here in Manassas when a leader General Jackson stood like a stone wall in the middle of the battle .This earned him the nickname Stonewall Jackson .I am afraid to go on to see what happens even though I must. I really wish I could be there now.

*Sincerely your son,
Nathan*

*P.S. Here is a photo of me now
hoping to see you soon.
Nathan*



July 17, 1861

Dear father and mother,

Yesterday was a terrible day it was a hot musty and smelly. Our uniforms were heavy full with stuff. We walked for miles and miles. Our general Thomas Jonathon Jackson stood like a Stonewall. His nickname is now, "Stonewall."

The battle of Manassas was in Manassas, Virginia. The confederate side won of course how does one fight the land without knowing the land. I was badly wounded in the in the battle. I was shot in the leg and now am in the hospital. These may be my last words to you. How is every body doing? Give love to everyone back home in Alabama.

*Your loving son,
Jonathan*

Ps. here is a picture of me.



July 1861.

Dear Mother,

Not much time to write I just want you to know I'm on my way south. Many of the other troops think that we can't fight. Once war time we won the first battle. Many people scared in war but such as Thomas Jackson and his troops behind him standing like a stone wall. I will be under Col. Henry Derry. I will be assigned the S. E. Beach Regiment. As you might know in Bull Run Manassas it is very warm especially in these suits. I will not be writing to you again because of a bullet that has pierced through my shoulder I will definitely try my best to get healed and make you proud.

*Your loving son,
Brady.*



July 18, Manassas

Dear mom and dad,

The battle is nothing like I thought it would be. It was burning hot like an ordinary day in mid July. It felt like 300 degrees Fahrenheit. I thought I would be deaf because of all the cannon and gun fire. People were being shot, wounded, and killed in all directions. It was constant violence. I'm fighting on the side of General Ussylsses S. Grant. Thomas Jackson [the confederates general] got a new nickname, Stonewall Jackson' because his army was fighting like a stone wall. They were fighting incredibly like very well trained soldiers. We used several armies' but still lost.

People call this battle Bull Run. This battle is taking place in Manassas. The confederates won this battle.

People are being run to the hospital every second. I'm very tired and hope to be home soon. I'm very fortunate not to have gotten killed. I did get injured badly though. I was shot in the left knee. If I ever see you again odds are I will be in a wheelchair. I feel sick because of seeing all the Blood. This is by far the worst battle that has happened in the war so far. This battle is nasty. My friend Bill was killed. He was shot in the chest and then only lived for a few more hours. There are many screams from all the pain of the gun shots. I hope so much that I'll be able to see you again but I fear death is near. This may be the last time you hear from me. I don't think I'll live much longer because it's burning hot and the uniforms make it twice that hot. That was a hard fought battle.

Sincerely
Curtis A. Pattillo



July 19 1861

Dear Mother,

I have had trouble living with out my soving family. I have made some friends that will help me in the next battle. I'm one of the lucky ones I still have not had any wounds but a lot of people have died already. The confidants won the battle but we will win the war! General Jackson B. got the name of stone wall Jackson because he made his men stand there like a stone wall. My friend died by Jackson's men so we will revenge him by winning the war! How is it going in Ohio? Is the family doing, are my wife and soving kids. I can't to see you. I will write back unless I die with honor.

You soving son,



July 18 1861

Dear Mom and Dad

I don't know were to start with well we lost the battle. My only thoughts were of war. I was scared to death. The battle took place at Bull Run, Manassas. It's pouring with heat it feels like its a thousand degrees. Then we saw General Jackson standing still like a stone wall, and nicknamed him Stonewall. I don't know when the war will End. We think they didn't have faith in winning. It's like you pull out a knife and they run like chickens. And all I heard over the screaming was the rebel yell. The worst thing is I got shot in the leg! But I'm ok. I love you guys so much if I never see you again. How's home?

Sincerely Michael

P.S send a picture and a fan (just kidding)



July 17, 1861

Dear mom and dad

Were walking back from the battle of Bull Run, Virginia. I thought we were going to win the battle. But it was a terrifying scene to me because I was at the front of the line and saw horrible stuff. I thought I would die because there was a lot of eesploshens and a lot of dead men one of my friends got his head shot off by a cannon. But I'm a lucky man because I didn't die but I got a scraped leg. I lost a lot o of friends that day, it's sad. I staid near General Jackson smart move right. I really miss you guy's a lot. We also flanked those southern solders or the confederate. Since that battle I hope I never get shot if we ever have another battle. We just got back to the camp from walking. I forgot to tell you we lost the battle. Weill we were charging a man gust stood there like a stone wall. I'm surprised that the stone wall general stood there with his solders. I will say it again I love you so much. The guy's are calling me for some food. Send me a letter soon. When you do, tell me what's going on with you and my brother.

Love, Christian

P.S. there's a picture of me here.



July 17, 1861

Dear family it's summer here it's a big battle. I don't know when I'm coming back. The battle has just started the battle. It feels good out here many people died but I'm still alive. It's going to be easy from here so I'll be alive and I'm coming back. Stonewall got his nick name by standing still in the battle with his troops standing in a line that's how Stonewall got his nick name. I will be in the hospital It's hard to write this letter. I am wooded on the right shoulder. I have been shot 2 times in the right shoulder that is why I'm writing this letter. A lot of my best friends have died in the battle.

Love NICK



July 18, 1861

Dear Mom and Dad

This battle is starting. My suit is very hot it feels like 300 degrees Fahrenheit. The Yankees are putting up a good fight. O I almost forgot Jackson got his nickname it is Stonewall. The captain yelled their stands Jackson as still as a stone wall that's how he got his nickname. So far I think we are actually wining. This is sad because my best friend died in an explosion the bomb fell about 5 feet in front of him and made him fly back and smash headfirst into the brick wall I was standing by. When that happened a piece of sharp glass smashed right into my left shoulder I was paralyzed in fear. Now I am in a hospital in Spotsylvania. The battle in Manassas is over and I am still in the hospital. When I die I want my gravestone by brother's or in Ohio. This may just



the his headfirst into.

Your soon dead sun Seth Woodfin

July 21, 1861

*Mrs. Patricia Carlson
45 Keuka Lane
Manchester, N.Y.*

Dear Grandmother,

I just wanted to know if you are doing all right, any way I am. When I entered battle at dawn in Manassas VA. I never thought in the midst of battle I would be so scared. I hate to say to say we lost that battle. We wounded Colonel Wheat! We got extra reinforcements but still lost. We had over 3000 casualties, killed wounded and captured. Many of my men were lost, though I survived. I was existed when we got back to camp. There were civilians having picnics on the road.



Your loving grandson Kyle, F. Wegnick.

July 19 , 1861

Dear family,

It was hot as we were fighting the battle of Manassas. Which is in Virginia. We made the north retreat. Thought it was not the war ender as we hoped of. I was most fortunate to survive.

Unlike some of my friends I did not even get wounded. Towards the end we saw General Thomas Jackson standing like a stone wall. So we nick named him Stonewall Jackson. I was excited! It was a success! How is the family? How are the dogs and horses? I hope to see you soon

Love

Leo



July 19 1861

Dear Mother,

I have had trouble living without my loving family. I have made some friends that will help me in the next battle. I'm one of the lucky ones I still have not had any wounds but a lot of people have died already. The confidants won the battle but we will win the war! General Jackson B. got the name of stone wall Jackson because he made his men stand there like a stone wall. My friend died by Jackson's men so we will revenge him by winning the war! How is it going in Ohio? Is the family doing, are my wife and loving kids. I can't to see you. I will write back unless I die with honor.

Your loving son,
Corey