Madison Station Miss.
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Miss Jean, love

Dear Sister

For the first time in about three months I attempt to write you a few lines; but I don't know whether I will get through it or not for my pen is so bad.
There is but little news of importance. I have had several fights.

Since I wrote to you last so one tolerably hard fight at Murrow on the Memphis and Charleston R.R. It lasted about 3/4 of an hour. We killed, drowned, and captured about 150 men and 200 horses. We were fighting on the bank of Wolf River. We came very near capturing their battery. We lost 29 killed, 4 wounded, 8 being killed. The 1st, 4th, 6th, and 8th fought the 6th, 7th, 9th, and 10th and 42d and Iowa and a section of a battery. 12 guns; we whipped them quick.

Yest. the 6th Sep., the 6th and 9th.
and The 13th U.S. and the 7th Ill... near Iowa run together. We captured all the horses of the 6th, I think, though we didn't get them all off. I didn't get a horse though I might have had one, slick and Chris for I was the first man that got among them though it is my misfortune never to get anything that way for instead of getting horses or other property I always continue to fight until it is too late to get anything. When I first ran on the end of the bridge the Yanks were just leaving the other end and were seen screening themselves from the fire of the main position of the Regt. being a sleeved that was thrown ask for the road—when I got on the end of the bridge I fired on them about 20 feet and then ran under the bridge to reload and there were three Yanks there. They surrendered to me and gave me 2 U.S. Shelters and as soon as I got my gun loaded I leveled it on another and he threw up his hands and told...
me not to shoot that he would surrender.
I then told him to come to me. And
directly afterwards the command was given
to fall back and I instead of bringing out
a horse brought the prisoners so they came
very near getting me twice as I came out
for just as we started they opened on us
with grape canister in Shell N. minieball
and the prisoners begged me to let them
stop behind trees but I made them keep on
until I got so tired that I had to stop
myself. They fell down behind logs & I jumped
behind a large poplar tree & I had no more
than got behind it before a shell struck the
ground about 2 feet from me & covered me
nearly up in dirt. I thought that a piece
of the shell had hit me at first; but
fortunately it did not burst if it had
burst it would have killed me outright.

I came out all right prisoners B
all. I gave one of the shot to Jno. J.
and the other to John Jno. for his.

Joe I got a sprain a few days before
Christmas and went to Dr. J. M. Cooke.
and stayed there until after new year.
I spent the time very pleasantly and formed the acquaintance of a number of young ladies and several young gentlemen.

Though I met with the misfortune to lose two of my blankets to a negro I think must have hit my horse with a rock or stick and fractured his skull so that I had to leave him the next day after I left Do. If he may recover though I think it doubtful.

Told Cousin Hallie that all of her relatives are well & that the property of her father has been divided so that Charley & Susan & I believe felt ther - these will all be some money coming to her though I don't know how much.

Told her a good deal about Texas and the soldiers that had been back there are very much dissatisfied with the conduct of the citizens of the state generally and attribute a great deal of it to the soldiers being disappointed in their expectations. There must be some fault with all the citizens. They say that the citizens have lost their nutrition.