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3<sup>rd</sup> Div. 17<sup>th</sup> A.C.

Vicksburg, Miss.  
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Dear Sister Mary,

I am just in receipt of your kind letter of Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> enforming me of the death of my loved Brother John. After returning from our late expedition I received a letter from Mrs. Hearsey giving me the sad detail of his death. Emedately after receiving I rote to Father and Mother and enclosed her letter to them. Dear Sister my feealings cooperates with yours in behalf of our loved brother. Dear Sister you speeak of getting Johns Remains. my opinion is that it would be most doughtfully for to do so. Because when a man falls on the field of Battle it is but few that are ^marked^with a head board But it might be Possible that he could be found. You might wright to the man that Superentends the Cemetry by so doing you might get some enformation. If I was at home now I would not hesitate one moment to go and see if he could be found. Or rather his Remains

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I was sorry to hear of the death of William Also of Mothers Sisters Son George. In your next letter I would like for you to give me Mothers Sisters address. I would like to wright them a few lines as I have never rote to them since I have been in the service. Dear Sister I can not conceive what a Calamity has befell our family.

I am pleased to mention that I received a few days ago a Valentine from Zanesville but would like very well to return one but as it is I do not think that one could be Purchased in the Burg. The peace of poetry was well composed. The letter with the Enitials of E.B. Extended from the little Anigel To the one that I will not Mention in this, was quite amusing, when your letter came to hand I was thinking of going over to the 78<sup>th</sup> Regt The 32<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Regt Started for Zanesville over a week A go, out of the Ohio Brigade the 20<sup>th</sup> Regt starts next. The 78<sup>th</sup> and Sixty Eight may get of Proibly in the

Course of a month. The 16<sup>th</sup> Army Corps has all embarked on Transports Their destination is supposed to be up Red River They all left the Levey here the Eavening of the 10<sup>th</sup>. Dear Sister you ~~speak~~<sup>mention</sup> in your letter the name of that young Gentleman Mr. Watson. I Knew ^ young man by the name of Watson that was a very intimate friend of Brother Johns. The one I have Refeance to his name was

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Lorenzo Watson formly of Zanesville. Before Proceeding eny ferther this Watson that I speak of if he was the same one she would know it most Shurley We are now Camped on a High Bluff overlooking all the Fortifications at this place As it is quite windey I am compelled Close This short letter. Hoping to hear from you soon I Remain as ever your Only Brother

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To Father and Mother Sisters Mary  
Elizey Caty Uncle and Aunt Joseph  
and Franky

P.S. Dear Sister you will please Console  
Dear Father and Mother Also Sister  
Elizey. Everry day is shortening my time in  
The Service and in the course of a few months if  
Kind Providence will only Permit I will be  
a mong you as I was a few months a go

That Photograph must have a great affect  
on the Young Ladies. I am Pleased to hear it