

here it is

Remember the 9th 1867
my cousin i take my Ken
brand to inform you that i
am well at present and i
these lines may find you enjoy^{ing}
the same blessing you all appear
to be dead and whether you be
or no i can not tell if you are not
dead you are very careless a
bout either friends or relation
and for writing you do not give a
damn whether you all write or
not though i might write
every day which i do every
two or three days and some
times every and to get once a
month i can not it looks as
though you might once in a
while every three or four
months and i would get a
letter now and then but the

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you all write it is all or
most never i want you to write
for i want or will not be home
be bore or under six or seven
months i do not want come before
the last of august and perhaps
by that we will closter home
and it not i do not know when
i wil be home if hear any
more such reports as i have i
do not expect i wil come at all
one more move like this here
to fore takes place and i start
and get in ten miles at home
and i hear of it i take a little
tack and tack right back
and catch the old gray
goose by the hind then it
wil be slip plot old
mother huelle back many
day baint it i ~~is~~ aint gone
E O and i wil eat sombodys

for if dont i wil not
 get no indianin weedin cake i
 see you are all trying to get
 married be cause i have gone
 war to eat rebel and take blow
 tils never mind my time
 is a coming and i wil
 catch some of you a nativity
 but al i ask of you is not
 to do no more for my time must
 be next if not i wil stay
 here among the rebels whilste
 i live and i would not had
 that to have gone of no
 way for i would have give
 a five dolar bil to have
 seen gerge marby if i was
 to home i would come and
 have fun i wonder if old
 charles allen was there
 if he was i know him and
 mathias ^{and} Josse he been ^{hull} centy

of fun and if had bin
 you would. had any fun
 jest got the word yesterday
 and i thought i perhaps
 if i would write today
 i might yet some of the
 cake for i know been had
 yet some and i want a
 keace if it had to be five
 years old and i dare an
 other of my Cus ins to get
 married with out i am there
 or with out i die or the rebels
 beads me to hery then if they
 wil go on at such against
 my orders they wil have
 go but nathias must not
 marry until i come home
 for i intend to have
 al of my connections to my
 weddin and tel me why
 in the devil s name

got something good to eat all
of that good to some corn rabbit
black squirrels and i heard
rooster crow yester day morning
and jest he low here they
say there is a plenty of
deer and Turkey and clam dar
Great big fat hogs and
dont you know that i will
have good time of our boys
was down in the woods other
day and so the rebels got after
them and they got to an
in Trenchment and bited on
the rebels and they took
the wings of the morning in
a fleet and they got out of
in Trenchment and the rebels
I being that there was not
many of them and they come
a gain the ^{captain} being a gun boat
which was making its way
to them the ^{captain} run a

A little distance back
gave the Gun boat sign and
she opened fire on them and
they had to retreat for
something. Give my love to all
of the friends dont give the
seeds an inch but come
John have ard on them no
more at present John Posey
to Nathias Embury write
to me soon a gain to
Polly Island South
Carolina. J. P.

Posey.

Mass 5th Regiment
in care of Walter West
which is a good father to us

December the 2nd, 1863

My cousin I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present and I () these lines may find you enjoying the same blessing. You all afeared to be dead and whether you be or no I can not tell if if you are not dead you are very careless about either friends or relation and for writing you do not give a damn whether you all write or not though I might write every day which I do every two or three days and sometimes every and to get once a month I can not it looks as though you might once in a while every three or four months and I would get a letter now and then but you all write it is all or most never. I want you to write for I won't or will not be home before or under six or seven months. I do not want to come before the last of August and perhaps by that we will be closer home and if not I do not know when I will be home.

If hear any more such reports as I have I do not expect I will come at all one more move like this heretofore takes place and I start and get in ten miles of home and I hear of it, I take a little tack and tack right back and catch the old gray goose by the hind then it will be flip flop old mother huckle back many dog bait it I ain't gone E. O. and I will eat somebody's for if don't I will not get no Indiana wedding cake I see you are all trying to get married because I have gone war to eat rebel and take blue pills.

Never mind my time is a-coming and I will catch some of you a-napping but all I ask of you is not to do no more for my time must be next if not, I will stay here among the rebels which to live and I would not had that to have gone of no way for I would have given 2 five dollar bills to have seen George marry if I was to home I would come and have fun I wonder if old Charles Allen (?) was there if he was I know him and Mathias and Jos. P. Hapeen (?) had plenty of fun and if had been you would had fancy (?) fun.

Just got the word yesterday and I thought I perhaps if I would write today I might get some of the cake for I know (/) has got some and I want a piece of it has to be five years old and I dare another of my cousins to get married without I am there or without I die or the rebels feeds me too heavy then then if they will go on at such against my orders they will have to but Mathias must not marry until I come home for I intend to have all of my connections to my wedding

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and tell me why in the devil if you got something good to eat all of that good 'possum, coon, rabbit, black squirrel and I heard rooster crow yesterday morning and just below here they (line covered up) deer and turkey and dem dar great big fat hogs and don't you know that I will have good times . 25 our boys was down in the woods other day and rebals got after them and they got to an intrenchment and fired on the rebals and they took the wings of the morning in retreat and they got out of intrenchment and the rebels seeing that there was not many of them and they come again. The captain seeing a gunboat which was making its way to them the captain run a little distance back give the gunboat sign and she opened fire on them and (obliterated) had to retreat for something.

Give my love to all of the friends, don't give the secess an inch but come John has no word on them.

No more at present.

John Posey to Mathias Embry.

Write to me soon again to Foley Island, South Carolina.

John Posey, Company J, ^DMass. 5th Regiment, in care of Captain W nnt who is a good father to us.