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The letter dated August 6, 1861 was written from Camp Gauley, Virginia. Harris writes that his camp is in the Kanawha Valley writing on his knee while sitting on his knapsack. Harris describes how he was living, eating, and his pay. The letter written in September describes Harris' regiment's movements and an engagement at Grate Meadows, as well as how the Colonel of the 12th Ohio was killed; the band being sent three miles to the rear; and the amount of casualties. The letter written November, 23, 1861 lists some movements of regiment's camp in the Kanawha valley. Harris describes his rations as being good and lists what he is being issued and getting food from the locals. "We have all theas things, besides what we can steal witch is a good deal. Steal did I say, well I will have to take that back for us boys have quit stealing and took to takeing a good menny things without leave." He complains about not being paid Letter and the cold weather. The February 14, 1862, letter describes a recent fifteen day furlough home Harris enjoyed and missed seeing his sister.

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