

rea. on picket along the river bank..they just got the new Zouave uniform but he did get one as he is to go to Washington in the Invalid Corps....\$85.00

**384. JOHN, FRANK, AND FRANK AUBIN.** lot of three letters, one each by Frank, John, and Francis Aubin. Frank was killed at South Mountain in September 1862, John was captured at Gettysburg and died as a POW, and Francis, their Father, survived the War. Frank was in the 22<sup>nd</sup> NYV, John was in the 97<sup>th</sup> NYV, and Francis was in the 146<sup>th</sup> NYV. All three letters are camp news letters but all three are written on beautiful patriotics and two letters have beautiful patriotic stamped covers. These are beautiful patriotics that are well written and extremely colorful, the lot of three, two brothers who died in the War...\$200.00

**385. LOT OF FIVE AUBIN LETTERS, JOHN AND FRANK, BOTH DIED DURING THE WAR.** John Aubin was in the 97<sup>th</sup> NY who was captured at Gettysburg on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863 and died in 1865 as a POW, and Frank Aubin in the 22<sup>nd</sup> NYV who died at South Mountain on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1862, three letters by John and three by Frank Aubin. There is one patriotic letter and two patriotic covers included, camp news but well written. One cover is double stamped. A nice lot of letters from two brothers who died in the War, five letters, two patriotic stamped covers...\$295.00

*More Letters*

**386. CAMP NEAR CORNITH, MISS.** August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1862, four page letter in bold pencil, 52<sup>nd</sup> Illinois to his daughter, he relates...describes foraging near Cornith on the farms in the vicinity, mentions buying Catawba Wine and re-selling it to the soldiers in competition with the sutlers, went into Rebel company and got melons, corn, apples, peaches, and some blacksmith tools, anything we could use in camp..the Sesech women were as bitter as could be..would like to fight us until we were killed...one place where we got some corn had 27 slaves taken by another gang of our soldiers...saw bridges burned by the Rebels when they retreated from Cornith...near Hamburg our regiment went foraging, got 4 or 5 Niggers, 3 yoke of oxen, some wagons and 55 bales of cotton worth seven or eight thousand dollars..this hurts the Rebels in the pocketbook than killed them...would like to help run every son-of-a bitch out of this country...much more on affairs near Cornith after the retreat by the Confederates...\$125.00

**387. RED RIVER CAMPAIGN, LOUISIANA 1864.** Alexandria, La. May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1864, four pages in ink by Private Hugo Voight, 28<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin, ...letter to his friend Charles, we marched about 400 miles and we run the Rebels about 3 PM at Sabine Cross Roads our regiment was in the front, General Banks commanded our forces, we fought the Rebels to near sundown and were forced to fall back but as luck would have it the 19<sup>th</sup> Army Corps came to our support and went on the field too late as our Corps were cut up so bad..we marched the whole night till 8 o'clock, then General Smith came to reinforce us, we were ordered to retreat as fast as possible, General Smith and his forced stayed on the field at Pleasant Hill but he fought them and whipped them but he had to fall back due to lack of provisions...I have no doubt that the Rebels lost more than we did for the Rebels did most of the charging as they were drunk and that gave them courage...the Rebels have followed us to Alexandria and we been after them twice but they will not stand...day before yesterday we were ordered out to meet the Rebels, we went about two miles and skirmished with the Rebels until sundown, we stacked arms and lay down to rest and then came five shots that caused no harm, *great letter on the 1864 Louisiana Campaign at Pleasant Hill*...\$225.00

**388. MOVING ORDERS TO MARCH BY HOOKER TO CHANCELLORSVILLE.** April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1863, four pages in ink by S.J. Guthrie, 136<sup>th</sup> Penn. Camp at Bell Plain, Va., he relates..move been moving but very slow due to the condition of the roads, weather improving and think General Hooker will have us moving soon, will have to do soon if he wants the 136<sup>th</sup> to do any fighting for our time is up on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, believes Hooker is a real fighting man and he will move soon, don't think the Rebels can stand it much longer, was on picket and saw 8 Rebels come over through our lines, they were very stout hearty looking but had poor clothing, some of them had a bag over their shoulders in place of a coat..April 14<sup>th</sup>..have received marching orders..Hooker is about to move us and we will not come back to this camp...hopes he will live to see his friend, comes with stamped cover, *letter referring to the beginning of the Chancellorsville Campaign*...\$115.00

**389. ON THE MARYLAND HEIGHTS NEAR HARPER'S FERRY.** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1861, 6 page letter in bold pencil to his cousin by Charles H. Lake of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. Infantry, there was firing from the Rebels last night and think the Rebel army is

advancing upon us. They will get a different reception than they got at Bulls Run. As certain if a fight comes there they will have a victory, more on members of the regiment, saw a meteor while on picket and gives a description, good newsy letter that comes with a patriotic cover minus the stamp, very fine...\$85.00

**The following pair of letters were written by Pvt. J. McDonald Smith of the 38<sup>th</sup> Pa. who was killed September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1862 at Charles City Cross Roads, Virginia.**

**390. HEADQUARTERS, PICKET STATION, NEAR CAMP PIERPOINT, FAIRFAX CO., VIRGINIA.** October 21<sup>st</sup>, 1861, 8 page letter in ink to his wife on 8"x10" stationary, comes with a stamped cover to his wife, gives elaborate descriptions of getting ready to march from camp, describes the election of officers in the regiment, describes Colonel Conrad Jackson who was later killed in action, gives detailed descriptions of the companies, describes a shell exploding above their heads from Motts Battery, mentions their "Darkey" in camp making them coffee, mentions that the Garabaldi Guards are in the line next to us (39<sup>th</sup> NY), describes some ignorant soldiers who put some unexploded shells in a fire which then exploded and killed five men, describes the sacking of a fine home, letters taken as trophies, some dated before the Revolution, describes the sacking of most houses and the contents carried off by the soldiers, much more on the conditions of the Scesch houses, *much more details a very well educated soldier, minor archival restoration to a 2" seam, on gray paper with cover*...\$95.00

**391. CAMP NEAR NORTH CAMP, VA.** March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1862, 8 page letter in ink by Pvt. J. McDonald Smith to his wife with stamped cover...vivid details about a huge review in back of the Seminary at Fairfax near General McCellan's headquarters, describes the appearance of McCellan in detail, the divisions marching past McCellan who had foreign dignitaries with him, General McDowell and Kearney were there, 35,000 men took place in the review, we are about to move out, McCellan has ordered every man to take 100 cartridges with them in their knapsacks, describes the Seminary being converted into a Military hospital, mentions a fight at Winchester, the Rebels discouraged, mentions his Colonel Jackson riding up to General Ord at Dransville and offering him a canteen of whiskey but Ord replied that he had his own canteen of "cold coffee". Many closing personal remarks to his wife, another very interesting, well-written letter...letter and stamped postal cover....\$100.00

**The following letters were written by Pvt. John M. Piles of the 71<sup>st</sup> Ohio**

**THE BATTLE OF SHILOH**

**393. FANTASTIC ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE OF SHILOH.** April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1862, Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, 4 large pages in ink by John M. Piles of the 71<sup>st</sup> Ohio to his sweetheart Sarah...he relates...I must tell you of the terrible battle we had this past Sunday morning..they detected us and they run us all day Sunday, the Confederates came into our camps about 7AM and fell on us with great force, there was over 100,000 rebels, we retreated about a half mile and formed in a line of battle, we stayed there about one hour and the Rebels advanced on us and we placed ourselves in a gully and the Rebels still shutter at us and the bombshells and cannonballs came right over us and our Colonel gave us the order to fire and we fired once and they fell back and we still shot and retreated and they run us about three miles and started getting closer to us, they had a very large force and I tell you that the bullets whizzed around our heads and also the bomb shells...we fought them all day Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>...the fighting went on all day then about 4 o'clock General Buell arrived with a very large force and the gunboats fired on the Rebels until Monday morning the 7<sup>th</sup> of April..we headed out to the battlefield and we fought till about 3 in the afternoon and the Rebels had to run and we ran them about 15 miles and whipped them completely...describes the dead horses and men lying in the woods, some with their legs and arms shot off as well as some who had their heads shot off, ...there are 400 dead men lying in a pile, states that his friends in the 71<sup>st</sup> survived except one crippled in the leg...mentions that her younger brother James Hamilton is fine (he was also in the 71<sup>st</sup> Ohio), mentions the mud and rain during the battle, the 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment did not lose many men in the battle..mentions the death of General Johnston, mentions a Confederate with his arms shot off, ...we killed three Rebels to our one but we have a good many of our men lying dead..comes with stamped cover...*an outstanding letter describing the Battle of Shiloh and the two terrific days of the battle*...\$495.00

**394. THE NEGRO SOLDIERS WOULD BE GOOD SOLDIERS IF THEY WERE ANOTHER COLOR.** Gallatin, Tenn., November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1863, four large pages by Pvt. John M. Piles 71<sup>st</sup> Ohio to his sweetheart, a long love letter to Sarah with sentiments of patriotism throughout...we will stand firm for the old flag as the stars and stripes must be preserved, apologizes for the poor writing due to the candlelight is bad, ..you ought to see the negro soldiers, 900 of them are camped close to our camp, they would be tolerable good soldiers if they were another color but I think they are good enough to fight the Rebels, I say arm every Negro to kill every Rebel, more on personal feelings between him and Sarah, John M. Piles, 71<sup>st</sup> Ohio, stamped cover included....\$95.00

**395. WENT OUT AND KILLED A REBEL CAPTAIN AND SOME PRIVATES.** Elk River Bridge, Tennessee, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1864, two large pages with a stamped cover from John M. Piles, 71<sup>st</sup> Ohio to his wife, mentions the constant rains at camp for the past week, thinks the Rebellion will soon end and the banner will fly proudly again, mentions boys going home, his money due from the government, just went down to the spring with a piece of soap and had a good wash, men went out the other day and had an engagement with the Rebels, killed a Captain and six Rebel privates, none of our men were hurt, long newsy letter with stamped cover.....\$69.00

**396. THE REBEL ARMY IS MOVING TOWARDS NASHVILLE.** Pulaski, Tenn., November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1864, four page letter from John M. Piles, 71<sup>st</sup> Ohio to his wife with stamped cover, he has just been detailed as orderly, have received marching orders to leave this place in the morning for Nashville. All reports are that the Rebel army is moving in that direction, have been very busy carrying dispatches, more personal news, with stamped cover...\$65.00

**397. THE BATTLE OF NASHVILLE.** In the line of battle near Columbia, Tenn., December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1864, two pages in pencil to his wife by John M. Piles, 71<sup>st</sup> Ohio, he relates, I am well but sad to report that Harrison Schrells is dead, he got shot at the second days fight at Nashville, our regiment's company C lost 18 killed and wounded, 750 were killed and wounded in the regiment, Henry Horner was killed, we had such hard fighting but thank God we whipped the enemy and routed them and are still after them. We have captured 50 pieces of cannon and hundreds of their men, have not seen James since the battle, *concise but good account of the 71<sup>st</sup> action at Nashville*, ...\$175.00

**398. HAD A HARD BATTLE AT FRANKLIN, TENN.** December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1864, Headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, 4<sup>th</sup> Corps, Nashville, two plus pages in pencil with stamped cover from John M. Piles, 71<sup>st</sup> Ohio to his wife, he relates...they had hard fighting since he last wrote especially on the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup> of November at Franklin, Tennessee...we have had heavy skirmishing with the Rebels for the last week or more and have retreated to Nashville and intend to fight them...have a very large army here now..the reason we retreated was that before now we have not have enough of a army to fight them..they tried to whip us at Frankin but they lost heavily..can't give the losses on either side, we had to let our wounded lay on the field in the Rebel hands, *excellent letter on the Battle of Franklin, with cover*...\$175.00

**399. BUSHWACKERS ATTACKING. GENERAL FORREST HAS A LARGE FORCE NEAR. HE KILLS HIS PRISONERS !** Elk River Bridge, Tennessee, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1864, two large pages in ink to Sarah with stamped postal cover, our regiment is shattered again with several companies being positioned between here and Nashville to guard the railroad, some of our mounted boys and cavalry went out the other day and killed 29 bushwackers and captured some 30 horses, our losses were one Captain and two horses, the rebels are trying to make their way north, I understand bushwackers are in Indiana and old John Morgan in Kentucky trying to get into Ohio again...we are looking for a fight here understand General Forrest has a large force, understand he does not take any prisoners, he kills them !, *Excellent letter mentioning the rumors of Forrest's atrocities with prisoners*....\$175.00

**400. LINCOLN MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD.** Greenville, East Tennessee, Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1865, from John M. Piles to his wife Sarah, three pages in ink on the Assassination of President Lincoln...he laments...my heart is very sad over the death of our President in cold blood, how sad every heart is as we have lost one of the noblest men we will ever see, there is no punishment enough for the murderer...it had been only a few days since we had heard the glorious news (surrender of Lee) and now we hear of the death of President Abraham Lincoln. I don't think it will prolong the War it is a terrible

blow to us..I guess the Rebels made their words good as they swore they would never submit to the administration of Abraham Lincoln as they have put him out of the way...only if the man could be found he will be hanged higher than heaven..thinks there will be a little more fighting before Johnston surrenders his little army..hope our men will kill every last Rebel and General Johnston and Lee in retaliation...*excellent letter written only days after Lincoln's Assassination calling for retaliation for the death of the President*, ...\$195.00

**401. OLD JEFF WILL HANG HIGH, HIS WIFE'S PETTICOAT WILL NOT HIDE HIM,** Camp Harter, Nashville, Tenn., May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1865, four pages in ink from John M. Piles to his wife (71<sup>st</sup> Ohio), describes his loneliness for his wife, the camp is fine in Nashville but the men always complain, but there will be no more fighting as old Jeff Davis is had, he will hang, he will be hung on a sour apple tree, his wife's petticoat was not big enough to hide Jefferson, more on coming home to his beloved wife, rumors of when they will be discharged, stamped cover home included, *interesting , commentary on Davis who had been reputed to be hiding in his wife's clothing when he was captured*..\$85.00

**402. THE PRESIDENT IS NOT THE MAN ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS.** New Orleans, La., July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1865, four page letter to his wife in ink with stamped cover by John M. Piles of the 71<sup>st</sup> Ohio...mentions ready to go to Texas and get out of this place, he does not think much of the President (Johnson) as he will never be the man Abraham Lincoln was but there will not be another President like Lincoln, believes that if President Lincoln was still alive they would be home now, more on his feelings for his new wife, he is reading to Texas, with a stamped cover post marked New Orleans, La.....\$75.00

**403. MARCHED OVER THE SANDY TEXAS DESERT FOR 14 DAYS.** San Antonio, Texas, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1865, four page letter in pencil to his wife Lizzie, comes with stamped cover postmarked New Orleans (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>). He relates about the terrible march the 71<sup>st</sup> Ohio had getting to San Antonio, we marched 14 days from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> a distance of 175 miles over the sandy desert of Texas and could only get water every 15 miles and very poor it was and had only half rations on this trip and only wormy crackers to eat...hardy soldiering in this time of peace ! We are camped five miles from San Antonio, can't tell how long we will be here, I am tired of Texas ! We have traveled nearly 200 miles in this state and I don't think we have seen 50 houses. The people are all colored people, negroes, Indians, and French and they can't understand our language and we can't understand theirs..the boys are all downhearted and we have lost many of our brave soldiers since we have been in Texas due to the hot weather and they just gave out, some days I thought I would too give up but my courage kept me moving..hopes to be home by December and compares Texas with Hell...*Excellent letter from a member of the post-war occupation force*, .....\$89.00

#### CONFEDERATE IRISH TROOPS REFUSE TO FIGHT

**404. NEWPORT NEWS, VA. 29<sup>TH</sup> VA.** April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1862, four pages in ink to his parents on beautiful patriotic stationary, with matching cover with *huge American flag* by George Cobbett of the 29<sup>th</sup> Mass...they have heard good news from Dixie but not from Yorktown, *McCellan is there and the word is that 5000 Irish Confederate troops refused to fight for the Rebels but he feels it is too much to believe*...expects a hard fight as the Rebels have removed all of their forces from every place around here to defend Yorktown and if we take it the way to Richmond is opened...news has just arrived that *Fort Pulaski* is taken and *Savannah* will soon follow..fine letter with beautiful patinary stationary and cover...\$145.00

**405. A SOLDIER IS POISONED BY THE REBELS.** Portsmouth, Va. May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1862, four large pages to his parents by William Corbett of the 29<sup>th</sup> Mass., ..*We have been camped in the Dismal Swamp, rumors are that the Rebels are almost inhuman, we may move to Suffolk or North Carolina, some reports are that North Carolina may come back into the Union and the Governor may call the state troops home...Richmond has not been taken but General Banks had a fight with them and took 6000 prisoners not counting the killed and wounded...we are in the breastworks in front of Portsmouth when the Rebels evacuated they did not spike the guns but burned the carriages...tells of a soldier poisoned by milk sold by civilians who sell pies and cakes, heard of another case of poisoning*. Excellent letter...\$135.00