

Samuel Mills

Residence was not listed; 26 years old.

Enlisted on 9/20/1861 at Brocton, NY as a Private.

On 10/2/1861 he mustered into "D" Co. NY 9th Cavalry
He was discharged for disability on 12/6/1862 at Washington, DC

Promotions:

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- New York: Report of the Adjutant-General 1893-1906
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Camp fenton December 24th, 1861

My dear wife inow take this opurtunity of writing a few lines to you ireceived A letter from you last saterday and iwas sorry to hear that your helth was so poor and iwas sorry to hear that Delbert had got burnt himself but axidences will appen some times let us be as careful as we may and you must be very careful of your helth and not work too hard for you must hire some of your work done rather than to enjur your (h)elth for we do expect our pay the last of this week or the first of next and then you shall have some money as quick as ican send it

And about writing to you ihave wrote aletter to you every weeak since ihave been here in washington and iwrote one letter and sent asong in it it is asong that was composed on thanksgiving day on the [railroad] cars to this place and iwould like to no wether you have got it or not and the 16th of December I sent you the picture of our camp and iwould like too no wether you got it or not and now about our Horses icoud not help but laugh when iherd the letter read for we have not got our horses nor guns nor pistels but wehave got sabers but we have not all got them yet for ihave not got no saber nor any of the cooks nor waters for there was not anuf for every man to have one.

And you must not make your self unheasy about every riport you hear about us for we are quite comfatable And we have plenty to eat and that as is good anuf for us that is it is very hearty and very [h]elthy the rigement is very [h]Elthy for there is not any sickness in the camp only the measles and there is about 20 sick with the measles and they are dooing well we have had 3 deaths since we have been here and 2 of them died with a relaps of the measels and the other with the concumpson and the 2 that died with measels was because they was very careliss and did not take any care of themselves for they had got over it and then they over done an took abad cold and it fetched on arelaps.

I have wored some this weeak about you ever since ihad your letter and herd that you was not very well but as for me iam considerable tuffer than iwas when ileft home and you need not be suprised if you should see us home by next spring or before we have herd from Redmond Riley and he is in the aspitle [hospital] it is about 5 miles from hire and he is expected not to live and we have heard that his mother is come to see him but we have not heard wether she is here or not yet

And iwould like to hear from you as often as you can find time to rite well now imust close my letter for this time for it is almost time for lights out and now hear is my love to you and the children and give my best respects to your folkes and all enquiring frends

I remain Your Husband Samuel Mills

[written in letter open space and up side down:]

And A happy New Year when it comes

* author uses small "i" and "a" and joins them with other words (e.g, ihave = I have)
(From the David Brown Collection)

I wish you amuse yourself
and I hope you will
send me some news

Camp Point Dec 24th 1864

My dear wife now take
this opportunity of writing
a few lines to you in
reply to your letter from
last Saturday and I was
sorry to hear that your
health was so poor and
I was sorry to hear that
Pelbert had got burnt ^{himself} but accidents
will happen some times let us
be as careful as we may and
you must be very careful of
your health and not work too
hard for you must hire some
of your work done rather than
to injure your health for we
do expect our pay the last
of this week or the first of
next and then you shall have
some money as quick as I can
send it

And about writing to you
I have wrote a letter to you
every week since i have been
here in washington and i wrote
one letter and sent along in it
it is a song that was composed on
thanksgiving day on the cars to
this place and i would like to no
wether you have got it or not
and the 16th of december i sent you
the picture of our camp and
i would like to no wether you
got it or not and now about
our Horses i could not help but
laugh when i herd the letter
read for we have not got our
horses nor guns nor pistets but
we have got sabers but we have
not all got them yet for i have
not got no saber nor any of the cooks
nor waters for there was not anup
for every man to have one.

And you must not make
your self uneasy about
every report you hear about
us for we are quite comfortable
And we have plenty to eat
and that as is good amuf for us
that is it is very hearty and
very elthy the rigement is very
Elthy for there is not any sickness
in the camp only the measles
and there is about 20 sick with
the measles and they are doing
well we have had 3 deaths since
we have been here and 2 of them
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and the other with the concursion
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selves for they had got over it and
then they over done or took a bad
cold and it fetched on arelaps

I have worried some this week
about you ever since I had
your letter and heard that you
was not very well but as for
me I am considerable tuffer than
I was when I left home and you
need not be surprisid if you should
see us home by next spring, as
before we have heard from Redmond
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is about 5 miles from here and he
is expected not to live and we
have heard that his mother is
come to see him but we have not
heard wether she is here or not
yet And I would like to hear
from you as often as you can
find time to write ~~and I will~~ well
now I must close my letter for
this time for it is almost time
for lights out and now hear is my
love to you and the children and
give my best respects to your folks
and all enquiring friends I remain
Yours Husband Samuel Mills ④