

Chattanooga Tennessee  
January 2, 1865

Dear sister once more with pen in hand I will endever to write you a few lines to let you know that I am still numberd a mong the living tho not very well this morning but hope when these few lines reaches you yu may be found enjoying good health. Wal Julia 1864 has past a way and 1865 has come and we do not know what this year will bring forth oh may it bring the close of this war for I am getting tired of it – for I am tired of living such a life it is a dogs life to every soldier in the field may 1865 close this wicked rebellion and I think it will if our Generals keep having as good success as they are now for General Sherman is taring up the hart of the Suthern confedracy and he will if he keeps on sink the whole Sothern confederacy before this year pases a way and General Thomas who was left here to contend with Rebel General Hood is cutting and Taring his whole Army to pieces. General Hood is trying to take nashvill and make his way in to Ky lost nearly a (unreadable) of his army and nearly all of is artillery. Hood has not got but a bought 18 or 20 pieces of artillery in all (end of page) he has got with him. General Thomas has took over 40 pieces of Artillery from old Hood in his attempt to go in to Ky and General Stonerman up in East—Tenn has whipped the rebels and is making his way through western Virginia toard Richman the last I hurd from him he was in one hundred and fifty miles of Richman taring up the railroad and Destroing all Rebel Property he could get hold of and our fores have captured the Rebel Salt works the the main dependence for salt for their armies said to be the only place they had to get salt if so they will be hard up for seasoning for their fresh beaf if they have any -----

Wal Julia what kinde of a Christmas and Newyears did you have what kinde of a dinner did you have. I had some short cake and some coffey for newyears and some sweet cake of our own make so you see we had some thing new for soldiers.. Wal Julia I shall haf to close for this time as it is getting late and bed time write as soon as you get this and write all the news so no more at present Bood Buy this from your (unreadable) brother.

F. Warner

To Julia A. Warner