

Civil War
Feb. 5, 1863
from Murfreesboro, Tenn
- send basket made by "Sally" [unclear]

Office A. S. W.
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Dear Sister

I send you this basket by a gentleman from Cincinnati who came here for the remains of St. Charles Foster of our regt. who was killed at the battle of Stone River, better known as the battle of Murfreesboro.

This basket is not very usefull nor ornamental but it is a specimen of a Scotch young lady's handywork. I met her at Mrs Groves her uncles, while she was on a visit

I used to put up at his house when went to Mitchellville a foraging at the time I was with Rousseaus Division

It is not as nicely finished as she would have had it been as if she had been at home and the material for finishing it with. The reason I prize it as highly as I do is on account of her being a namesake of yours. Not exactly a namesake either, but her name is Sallie and that is a favorite name of mine.

You can keep it for yourself or give it to little Gomed. to play with

Bye the bye, I have not seen your