

Phillip Gehres



Frederick  
Giessler

# CIVIL WAR

*Handwritten: Friedrich Giessler*  
Incomplete letter from Friedrich Giessler; location unknown

to parents and siblings

of (early October (?)), 1864.

...God has arranged our separation for a good purpose and He will watch over us for our best. Dear parents, don't be concerned, I am under God's protection who is our highest head.

Although I am a stranger to my new comrades, I will get to know them soon for what God does is well done, which is will be my consolation. Don't let the thought cross your mind to have had a stand-in for me. No, forget this idea for I have the highest hope that by spring everything will be over and, God willing, I shall be home healthy and well. I wish you good luck and best health. Now I will close my letter with many thousand greetings and hope that these few lines will reach you as healthy as they leave me.

Friedrich Giessler

Greetings to all friends and acquaintances and tell them I am still the old Friedrich but somewhat fatter. Greetings from Philipp Gehres to all of you. I remain your faithful son.

Friedrich Giessler

Dear siblings,

I think each of you has thought of me since I left. Follow your ways in God's name and you will always be able to think that you are (following) a smooth path. Trust in God and pray diligently for me and yourselves. Then we shall meet again.

your good brother Friedrich Giessler

You can't write to me until I write again. I don't know if we will be here for long or not. I surely will stay in this world and then I will write you where I am.

13 Oct 1864

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I am not yet at my Regiment and don't know when we will join the Regiment. It is our business at present to guard the freight cars from Schedenue (Chattanooga?) to Atlanta. I don't like it very much because most of the time we are sitting on the cars' roofs may it rain or not and the Korillers (Guerillas?) are rather bad. They tear up the railroad and then it means life or death. Last week two trains collided. There were 3 death and 20 wounded. Fortunately I was on the 3rd train which was stopped by the signalling of the flag. Where we finally left the train we had to stay for one day until everything was in order again. But I am glad that we are not with the Regiment. As far as I know it is pursued by the Southern General Hut (J.B. Hood?). They have to march like mad, day and night.

Dear Parents,

You wrote to me that I should not hesitate to write you when I need money. I have not done this yet. I have borrowed 6 thaler (dollars) from Josef Hellir with the intention that you would give the money to his wife as soon as you receive this letter. She already knows about it. He has written to her. Be so kind to write me when you have delivered the money. I think we will draw our pay before that money is spent.

Perhaps you think I am wasting my money unnecessarily because it is already gone. But when I buy a piece of bread I have to pay three times as much and most of the time one cannot get anything. I had to be satisfied for three days with no more than crackers. But it was as if God had it blessed threefold. But not I have plenty again. I don't save on food when I can get it. When we don't get paid I write home for it, hoping I may receive it.

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Letter from Friedrich Giessler, Columbus

to his parents

of 13 October 1864.

Dear Parents,

I received your letter. Heinrich Miller brought it here and I was delighted to learn that you are in good health. I had my picture taken to send it to you. It costs 15 c.

As things are here, it is rather dangerous to send money. I think Michael Pdlieger will come home. He will leave some money with me and you can give him that much when he comes home.

I don't know of anything now. Philipp Gehres is gone as I wrote you in my last letter. Perhaps that letter got lost. I am still here. For how long, I don't know. Perhaps one more day, perhaps one more week. God knows where we go, God knows but I don't.

I wish that my picture will reach you in such good health as I was when it left me. Greet all my friends and acquaintances, the preacher and his family. You may write if you want. It is not adviseable to write because I don't know how and when. The letter can only be forwarded but at additional cost.

Your son,

Friedrich Giessler, So long.

Letter from Friedrich Giessler, Neschwil (Nashville, Tenn.?)

to Parents, siblings, and friends.

of 19 October 1864

Dear Parents and siblings and all Friends,

I want to let you know where I am. We are now in Neschwil, Tenesi (Nashville, Tenn.?). We left Columbus last Saturday to travel to Inschenablis

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(Indianapolis?), then to Schewersenvil (Jeffersonville?). From there we went across by steamship to Luswill Kentoki (Louisville, Ky?). From Luswill we came here and will go to Schetenieker (Chattanooga, Tenn.?) tomorrow to join our regiment which is the 4th Oh (Ohio?) Regiment.

Dear Parents and siblings,

Thanks to God I am still quite healthy and well and wish you the same. I saw Philipp Kreuscher. He is in the same house with me but we can't get together. Why? There are 625 rooms and he is at one end and I am at the other and we are led in and out under guard.

God willing we shall come home soon. As one hears, it is over soon. Our dear God cannot watch it any longer. The soldiers are a god-forsaken people. But there are also some Christians here.

I am sending these few lines in Josef Heller's letter and wish that God does keep you healthy.

Your son and brother,

Friedrich Giessler

I expect an early reply. My address is as follows

(address is missing  
in the copy of the  
original letter).

Letter from Philipp Gehres

to Johannes Giessler

of .... 1864 (probably late October).

Dear friend Johannes Giessler,

I and your Friedrich are not together. They separated us in Kolumbus but I have seen him again in Schetenuka (Chattanooga?) since. He is very well and cheerful in what he is doing.

There is much to see here which gives us much pleasure. It is not the way you think it is. You may think he is homesick, but don't think so.

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If it is God's will, we shall stop into your midst together again in good health. Trust in God is our only protection. I hope He will lead us along the right path so that we will not become unfaithful.

With this I shall close with best regards to all. Special greetings to your 3 girls and Johann. Stay well till we meet again.

Philipp Gehres.

Letter from Friedrich Giessler, Schetinkuker (Chattanooga?)

to Parents and siblings

of 23 October 1864

Dear Parents and Siblings,

I reach for the pen to write to you and wish that these few lines reach you in so good health as they leave me.

We are not yet with our Regiment. I don't know when we will reach the Regiment. We will probably not be here for long. I and Michael Pflieger are room mates.

Now I will tell you something about our environment. Here are 6000 men and wherever one looks everything is lively and destroyed. I saw what I would not have believed if someone else would not have told me. I will write you how it is with the food. We are on half rations. But thanks to God I am quite healthy and well. We will be getting more when we are with the Regiment. Sundays are not noticeable but I know when Sunday is and I always get a feeling that wants me to go to church when it is Sunday. But I have a (New) Testament and a songbook with me. Whenever there is some time I can edify myself, too.

Now I will write you what special pleasure I experienced when I came here. Suddenly from behind Philipp Gehres walked up to me and shouted Giessler. I can't remember how I felt. I was quite stunned. He then

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admonished me that I should write home everything. Now I will write that he left for Atlanta (Atlanta, Ga.?). It is 180 miles from here and it will take them about 3 weeks because they have to march and drive cattle. He told me I should write that he will not be writing until he arrived at his destination. He sends greetings thousandfold to all and in particular to his father and siblings.

I also will not write anymore until I have joined my Regiment. I wish that our dear God keep you healthy and well until we meet again. I will close my letter with many thousand greetings to all of you.

Your son and brother,

Friedrich Giessler

Regards to the preacher and his family. Greetings thousandfold to all (male and female) cousins and their children. Tell Adam Schaadt, if he is still at home, to remain the good friend of mine he always was. Greet him many times, too. Greetings to all who ask for me. Pray to God for peace in our land because there is woe whenever one listens. Pray diligently for me. You cannot write to me until I write you again because the letters would arrive at the Regiment before I do and will be returned if I am not there.

Friedrich Giessler

Letter from Friedrich Giessler, Atlanta

to Parents and Siblings

of November 7, 1864

Dear Parents and Siblings,

I reach for the pen to write a few lines to you and hope they find you in the same good health when they arrive as they leave me.

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I would like to make a brief remark about the climate here. During the night it is very cold but it is hot during the day. When it rains, it does so for quite a while.

I have no news. You know more of the conditions in our country than I do. One hears that the election will be concluded in Linklins (Lincoln's?) favor. Time goes by so fast. It appears to me as if it were only one week since I left you. I wish you feel the same way? It would be good.

Tell Miller's family that he is still healthy and I saw him yesterday.

I close my letter with may thousand greetings for you and all friends and acquaintances and particularly for the preacher and his family and all (male and female) cousins.

Your faithful son and brother,

Friedrich Giessler

When you write, send me some postage stamps if you like. They are hard to get. You can write to me. There is a man with me who has a brother in Schettenuka (Chattanooga?). We can use his address on the letters and when we are gone he will mail the letters to us where we are. The address is as follows

Fredrick Giessler. Cr Jacob Flonse

EX. (?). U.S.V. (?). Eng. Chattanooga

Tenn.

Letter from Friedrich Giessler, Bulasta Tennisi (Pulaski, Tenn.?)

to Parents and Siblings

of November 20, 1864

Much beloved Parents and Siblings,

I want to let you know that I am now with my Regiment, that is in



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Pulasta Tennisi (Pulaski, Tenn.?). We arrived yesterday. I don't know how long we will be here, perhaps for the whole winter.

I have made a nice house from board and Zichern (twigs?) wherein we are very satisfied. When we arrived here Josef Hellir, who had left a few days ahead of me, came to me and brought the letter you had enclosed in his. I was so glad to see that all of you are still in good health. I felt as if all of you would be right here with me while I was reading the letter.

We were separated but I came to stay with Josef H. in his tent. There are 5 men in each tent. Michael Pf. is in the tent next to mine. I am in good company. They pray every morning and evening. This makes me feel like home and as if I would hear father praying. I like it very much here.

Everything here is quite muddy and I hope it will be better soon. It has rained 4 days in a row.

Dear Parents,

Don't be concerned about me. Only ask for God's protection for me. Then it may go as it will, I am cared for and if we should not meet again on earth, we will see everybody's hand (signature?) on the letter.

I have learned that the regiment Philipp Kreuscher and the Geiers boys belong to is only half a mile away. I would have gone to see them but didn't have time yet. I liked to write to you to let you know that I am still quite healthy and that I receive a reply from you soon.

Dear Parents,

You write to me with regard to the money. I already wrote to you in my last letter that I borrowed 6 Taler (dollars?) from Joseph H. If you received the letter you already gave the money to his wife, if not give it

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to her and write me about it in the next letter. But the money is almost gone already. I purchased a rubber blanket. That took quite a bit of money. If you want you may send me some money because I don't know when we get our pay. Perhaps it will take 6 months. I need some money to buy the necessary things. You could send postage stamps. You could enclose a few in each letter. But do send greenbacks because the other money isn't good for anything here.

If you have the address of Philipp Gehres, write it to me because I would like to write him one of these days.

I want to close hoping that this letter reaches you in such good health as it leaves me.

Your son and brother,

Friedrich Giessler

Greetings to all friends and acquaintances, particularly to Philipp Fott and also to all (male and female) cousins and to the preacher and his family. Cordial greetings to all of you. So long until we meet again. Amen.

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Letter from Friedrich Giessler, Neschiell tenesi (Nashville, Tenn.?)

to Parents and Siblings

of December 6, 1864.

with remark by the person who copied the original letters:

"To this we replied on 18th December."

Dear Parents and Siblings, I am reaching for the pen to write to you and wish that this letter reaches you in better health than it left me. I want you to know that I am not quite healthy. I had a bad cold. But I am feeling better again and I am still with my Regiment. If it is God's will I may be able to assume my regular duties again soon.

We had to march very hard, day and night. The Southerners were on our backs all the time. Our Regiment was fortunate to be in no real danger. We were in reserve. The 64th Reg. was in a hard fight. Yesterday I saw Philipp K. (Kreuscher?) and Edward G. They are still quite healthy and well.

I don't know for how long we will be safe here. The Southerners want to have Neschiell (Nashville?) now or bury their last man. It will cost many a life yet. I think we are entrenched too well for him to conquer it readily, that is the old general Hutt (Hood?).

I still trust in my dear Savior. So far He has led me safely. If it is his will He will keep me further.

Dear Parents and Ge. (Siblings), I don't know what is wrong that I don't receive any letters from you. You enclosed two notes in the letter of J. He. (Josef Heller). I have sent you two letters already and I should have received replies already for I always enclosed the address in each letter. But I am quite satisfied with the few news I received of you. You write me that you still are quite healthy which makes me truly happy. J. He. received a letter yesterday evening and there was nothing to be seen about you except that you gave to his wife the 6 T. (dollars). This made me very happy because it shows

that you must have received the letter I wrote on 8th No. (November) were it was mentioned that you should give to the wife of J. H. 6 T(dollars).

It is said here that a call is out for three hundred thousand fresh soldiers. Write me if there is any basis for it. In the last battle about 8 Hu. (800) were killed on our side and on the Southern side 6 thousand, as it is reported. E. Gei. (E. Geier?) said in all the battles he had never seen men piled up that high. In most places 4 on top of each other. This was rather thick. We were about half an hour away from the same place where the cannonade took place. It was in Frenklin Tenesi (Franklin, Tenn.?) where our people were entrenched. The Southerners attacked them at the right and left wings thus enabling them to throw Kugeln (bullets and cannon balls) into our fortifications. They wanted to capture us the next morning but were unsuccessful. Our cannons kept them back till we were out of the way. We had to run with bag and baggage for 2 miles.

Tell all (male and female) cousins that I would have written them already. But here one must steal the time for writing and then, too, . . . . has paper one can hardly hold on to it to write on it, it is soon dirty. Tell them I wish them much luck. Greetings to Philipp Schaadt and his family and to all neighbors many thousand greetings. Give my regards to Freidrich Schaadt and his siblings. Regards to Friedrich Schaadt and Peter Gehres. Greetings to my godfather and godmother and their son Peter. Greetings to all who ask for me. I want to close with many thousand greetings for all of you and remain your faithful son and brother.

Friedrich Giessler.

My address is as follows

Frdrich (sic) Giessler Nashville

Tannisce 41 Rgt. Co. C. G. V. J.

4th Army Corps.

Dear Siblings, I would like to write a little to you about my Sundays.

Here I have to stay in one place unless we happen to be marching and then I have no time to read even one chapter only. You have the custom to go to church on Sunday and then to pay visits. This is all right and well. But when you all are together then, instead of enjoying worldly entertainment, think of the many thousands who will give their lives in this dangerous war. Pray for our land, that will bring you more blessing, for an end of the war. It is God who will bring peace at His time. I am feeling much better than I did this morning.

Friedrich Giessler.

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Letter from Friedrich Giessler, Neschwill (Nashville, Tenn?)

to Parents and Siblings.

of 14 December 1864

with remark by Elisabeth Giessler:

Dear Parents and Siblings, I want to reach for the pen to write to you a little and wish that this letter will find you in the best of health.

I received on the 11th the letter you wrote on the 5th and learned from it that all of you are still healthy which made me very happy. I would have written already some time ago but it was too cold for writing. It was almost as cold here as it was last New Year's Day at home. I thought I would wait until I came to a warm place. Now I am in the hospital in Neschwill (Nashville?) where it is very warm and I like it here very much.

It is easy to guess why I am here. I am not quite in good health and would not yet have been sent here. But our Regiment received marching orders. Because of this they issued an order that everybody not healthy enough to endure a march of 100 miles should report. Our sergeant told me to report under this order because I were not strong enough to endure such a march. This was all right with me. I am not seriously ill. I have had mumps which I got rid of soon but it affected my back and part of my Gehwerg (Gehwerk: part of body used for walking; could be legs only but could also include hips, etc.) which made it difficult to walk.

I have a good bed here and when I want to lie down, I can do so. If it is God's will I shall be better soon. It is better to be here than with the Regiment. Therefore don't be concerned about me. Remember that the dear Savior is here, too, if we only search for him. Because He himself says seek and ye shall find.

Dear Parents, in your last letter you wrote me that you had written to me on 7th No. (November?). I have not yet received this letter. In your most recent letter I found 2 Th. (dollars?) and 3 postage stamps which gave me

great pleasure. I think all the letters you sent to Schettenuke (Chattanooga?) are lost because it said that the mail was robbed between Neschwiell (Nashville?) and Schettenuke (Chattanooga?).

Dear Parents and Siblings, don't worry about me because I am in the hospital. But you don't know that there are only two places for a soldier, his Regiment and the hospital. You have no idea of both, the particularly not of the first of the two. Therefore trust in God, who is the head of both places, that he will bring home your son and brother as healthy and well as he took him from you. I for my part are confident that our dear God will lead me back to my homeland when my time is up. Hope maketh not ashamed.

I want to close with many thousand greetings to all of you and remain

Your faithful son and brother

Friedrich Giessler.

Dear Cousin Philipp Giessler, you must not be annoyed that I don't write to you because I don't know what to write. I would have to write to you the same I write to my parents and the paper is hard to come by. Although there are preachers giving away paper to the soldiers it is not much. You can see everything in my letter.

You friend Friedrich Giessler.

Greetings to you and your family. Greetings to cousin Adam Schaadt and his family. Greetings to all who ask for me.

Friedrich Giessler 1864.

Letter from Friedrich Giessler, Neswiell Tennissie (Nashville, Tenn.?)

to Parents and Siblings

of 18 December 1864

with note of person who copied original letters:

"We received your letter of the 18th on the 24th December."

Much beloved Parents and Siblings, I will reach for the pen to write you how we are. Thanks to God I am better again and, except in my back, feel quite well. I have a rather heavy rheumatism but otherwise everything is all right again. I have a good appetite. I could eat more if I could get it. I wish that this letter reaches you in the best of health and that our dear God will keep you healthy and well.

I also want to let you know how we are dressed in the hospital. We have white shirts and underwear, and fine shoes, finer than I have ever seen any all my life.

Perhaps I am lucky this time that I am here because they have heavy fighting going on for two days already and our Regiment is said to be quite determined. They are chasing "the Old Hat" (old general Hood?) back to Franklin where one will hear of a battle that never before had had its equal. Thursday they brought 2,000 prisoners here, and Friday 150 prisoners. It was a strange sight to look at them. Some of them were wearing their coats, others only half of it. It was a moving experience for any human being who had some feeling left in him. I cannot comprehend how God can have so much patience with the human race instead of wiping them off the face of the earth instantaneously, for here the dear Sunday is completely forgotten. I think God struck men blind so that they cannot see anymore with seeing eyes. Humans here have no feelings. Here a human life is appreciated no more than the life of an animal of home. God knows when the time is right and if he says the word everything will come to an end. I hope the measure will be full soon and the Lord will give us again the precious



peace in the land. And now I admonish you, dear Parents and Siblings and also all friends and acquaintances not to forget to pray for our suffering country. Pray to the Lord that he may again care for us and again give us peace.

Dear Parents, I have seen many things since I left home. I have already seen how to eat bread in the army. I now know, too, what it means to be tired. I was never tired at home. Man can endure more than one thinks. I marched from 10 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock in the morning again, carrying 60 pounds on my back without anything to eat. I was tired then.

Dear Parents, you write that you want to send me some money whenever I would ask for it. If you like you could send me about 5 Thaler (dollars?) in your next letter and also some postage stamps because I would like to eat something now and then and if I don't have money I can't get it. Everything here is very expensive. What you can buy for 10 L(c; cents?) here and one apple 15 to 20 L. This is too much. I rather eat no apple until I am back home. I am running out of paper again. This is also expensive here. If I would have stayed with the Regiment you would not have to send money because there is pay day soon. I don't know when I will be with my Regiment again. I still have some money but it will not last long.

I will close with many thousand (greetings) to all of you and remain

your faithful son and brother

Friedrich Giessler.

If I am not mistaken it is Christmas next Sunday. I wish you have a true Christmas celebration. I don't know if the Christkindgen (Christchild) will bring me something or not. Write me as soon as possible. The address is as follows.  
US Hosbital N 13 Wart N 2.  
Nashville Tennessee  
Greetings to the preacher and all who ask for me.

Letter from Friedrich Giessler, Nashville Tennessee (Nashville, Tenn.)

to Parents and Siblings

of 25 (December) 1864

With note by person who copied the original letters:

"Da. G. (replied to)(this letter) on 8 January 1865."

Much beloved Parents and Siblings, As a New Years present I want to write you a few lines and hope that this letter reaches you in such good health as it leaves me.

I am still at my old place but, thanks to God, I am all right again soon. I still have rheumatism in my back but otherwise I am healthy.

Dear Parents and Ge.(Siblings), this is the first Christmas I celebrate separated from you. But because it was God's dispensation I can submit to it readily. When I wake up this morning, my first thought was what may be going on at home this morning. It struck me that somebody said where was our Friedrich be today. But this thought was gone soon. Then I thought about the church where, I believe, the beautiful song was sung again

Hear, how the choir of angels sings,

Hear, how the air resounds and rings,

See, how above the lights do glow,

See, how they spread around the globe

and so on. I wished I could have been home only for as long as the church service lasts.

The fact that today is Christmas is noticed here, too. I think at home I never has a midday dinner as good as the one we had here today. It was our Christmas present and for it I want to (thank) from my heart God and those who prepared it.

Dear Parents, don't be concerned about me because I was not yet homesick, not for one minute and I think, too, that I will get it. Perhaps you thought

many times is he homesick already? This is not important to me because it would be of no use. I don't know how long I will stay here. This morning I talked to the doctor. He told me that he would get me a job in the hospital where I could do light work until I would be quite healthy again and ready for military duty. I hope to get a job here and then I will do faithfully what I am told to do. Yesterday the major told one of us that he could serve his entire year here, if he was faithful.

I want to close with many thousand greetings to all of you and remain  
your faithful son and brother

Friedrich Giessler

This is the best present I could give you. For this time, God be with you and keep you in good health. So long until we meet again. Don't write until I write you again where I am. Greetings to all friends without exception and to the preacher and all who ask for me. Amen.

Friedrich Giessler.

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Letter from Friedrich Giessler, Nashville Tennessee (Tennessee?)

to Parents

of (December) 31, 1864

Dear Parents, I will reach for the pen to write to you a little and wish that also this letter will find you in such good health as it leaves me.

Dear Parents, This morning I received your letter of the 25th all right and saw that you are still quite healthy which made me very glad and I was even more delighted with the Christmas present I found in the letter. I received at the same time the letter my siblings wrote me. When I opened this letter and didn't see your names in it I didn't know what to think. So I opened the other letter immediately without even reading the first one. I was satisfied when I found out from whom it was.

Dear Parents, you and my siblings have sent me more money than I asked for. If I would have known what I know now you wouldn't have had to send any money because we have received 2 months' pay through next week. Therefore I want to write you that you should not send me any more because I must send home some of the money when I receive my pay. It would be too much to keep here with me.

Dear Parents, I am still at my old place. Today I did some work for the first time. I still have pain in the back. I don't know yet how long I will be here. God knows who had led me here and who has maintained my life so far and I hope will maintain it further. If it is His will He will let me close this year in good health and let me begin and live through the new year healthy and well. I wish you the same from my heart and I wish that you are able to submit to God's providence as well as I can, because this is our only support.

Dear Parents, I am quite satisfied with your letter but cannot see from it if everything with you is still the same it was when I left you. In your next letter you tell me how the horses are and everything else.

I don't know where my Regiment is. I know only that much that it is rather far from here. I want to close with many thousand greetings to you and remain

your faithful son Friedrich Giessler

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So long. Greetings to my cousin Adam Schaadt and my (female) cousin (probably Adam Schaadt's wife) and the whole family and all (male and female) cousins and all their children and tell them that I wish all of them good luck. Greetings to all neighbors and acquaintances and particularly to the preacher and his family and greetings also to my godfather and godmother. I must finish. I am with Amen D.

Letter from Friedrich Giessler, Nashville Tennessee

to Parents and siblings

of 8 (January), (1865?)

with note by person who copied F. G.'s original letters:

"We have replied to this on 15 January."

Much beloved Parents and Siblings, I will reach for the pen to write you a few lines and wish that my letter finds you as healthy as it leaves me.

I am still at my old place. I think there will be a change soon. Either I will join the Regiment or I stay here as attendant for the sick. The quartermaster and the attendants in my room are trying their best to keep me in the hospital. If it is God's will, they will succeed. But I will follow confidently the paths God has prepared for me. Then nothing will harm me. Whatever happens, I leave everything to him. He will make it right.

I want to write you about our climate, too. It is rather cold here. It snows almost every day but the snow doesn't stay. There is a lot of dirt and mud but I don't have to go into it.

Dear Parents, don't be concerned about me. I am satisfied if I would only receive a letter each day. Today I received a letter from Adam Schaadt. There I saw that all of you are still healthy which made me happy. I would like (to know) if you have received my Br. (Briefe = letters) or what is wrong that I don't receive any letters from you. Since I am here I have written weekly one or two letters. I shall write you at least weekly if I can so you hear from me even if I don't get any letters from you.

Dear Parents, do pray for me diligently for here are rough people. Listening to some of them could almost make one to tear out one's hair. They don't believe neither in heaven nor in hell. They say there is a God but he is not bothered by us. Oh, pray for such people that their eyes may be opened. But there are Christians here, too. And, oh, perhaps even better ones than I or you are.

So I stay always close to those who read the book of all books (=Bible) and take it to be the best and as it is said in the song, Alas what am I, the sinner to do. I know that our life is but a fog and that we are surrounded all the time by death and whatever happens today I'll hold on to my Jesus.

I want to close with many thousand greetings to all of you and remain

your sincere son and brother

Friedrich Giessler

Write soon. Write the address as before. The letters will be forwarded if I am not here any more. Greetings to all who ask for me.

U.S. Hospital

No. 13 Wart N 2

Nashville Tennessee

41 Ohio.

Frederick G. G. G. Co. C, 41 Regt Ohio Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for 1865.

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Frederick G. G. G. Co. C, 41 Regt Ohio Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for 1865.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When 1865.

Where

Period 1 year.

Present or absent:

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Clothing account:

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Due soldier \$ 100; due U. S. \$ 100

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Master and Descriptive Roll of a Detachment of Drafted Men and Substitutes

for 1865.

Where born

Age 21 yrs; occupation

Drafted and mustered in:

When 1865.

Where

Period 1 year

Exps. & clothing: 1865.

Compensation: 1865.

Pay: 1865.

Where settled.

Company to which assigned

Remarks: 1865.

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OFFICE OF  
THE COMMISSIONER.Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,  
Washington.

June 22, 1907

Hon.

J. J. Ansberry

F. H. R.

My dear Mr. Ansberry:

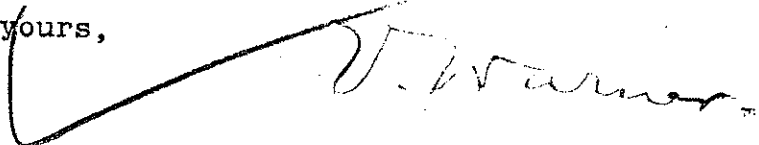
It gives me pleasure to inform you that the reissue  
claim for pension of

Frederick Gieseler

late Pvt Company B, 41 Regiment Ohio Vol. Inf.  
whose address is Leovoy Ohio (RFD #4)  
has been allowed under certificate No. 826834 at the rate  
of \$ 12 per month from Feb 28 1907.

and that the certificate will soon be forwarded to the pension agent  
at Columbus for transmittal to the beneficiary  
with voucher for payment.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.  
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