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Mr Oliver Ballott
Beddine
Crawford County
Tenn

May the 23 1863
Camp 4 miles below ^{Richsb}

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since last saw you
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and we done it in
two hours from the time
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like writing
So good by i could
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if i felt like writing

Jas Tarball
C Galbatt

now i have not
got any letters
from you since
i was at your
house

Direct

Co D 80 Regt 0 VV
Via Memphis Tenn
7 Division
17 Army Corps

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Mr. Oliver Talbott
Crestline
Crawford County, Ohio

(LETTER)

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This is a letter written by Joseph W. Talbott (Jay) to his brother Oliver on May 23, 1863 on the first actual day of the battle of Vicksburg. I purchased it on April 27, 2012 from BJ's Stamps and Coins in Glendale, Arizona for \$152. They found Joseph on my website and contacted me to see if I was interested in purchasing the letter. It was well documented and I included all of the documentation in this packet.

The first page is the envelop and first page of the actual letter in Joseph's handwriting. The second page is the rest of the letter.

The third page is a transcription of the letter. The original is hard to read, so the transcription is very helpful.

The forth page is a series of email messages between the BJ's Stamps and Coins store owner and the person who did the research on the letter.

The remaining pages are documentation gathered by the researcher to authenticate the letter.

Tanja Turtsanyi

From: Rebecca Drake <RBDrake@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:49 PM
To: 'Tanja Turtsanyi'
Subject: RE: Letter from a soldier at battle of Champion Hill

One other thing. The day Jay Talbott's letter was written, May 23, 1863, was the 1st real day of the Vicksburg Siege. The Union army had been badly defeated on May 22, 1863 and Grant made the decision not to have anymore loss of life by trying the assaults on an entrenched Vicksburg. Jay was 4 miles south of the river city guarding prisoners when this letter was written. Whether he ever went into the city or not is unknown but for sure he was guarding the prisoners near or at a small town named Warrington (on the river south of Vicksburg).

You should be able to get a history from the assorted information I have sent.

From: Tanja Turtsanyi [mailto:tanja@bjstampsandcoins.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:43 PM
To: 'Rebecca Drake'
Subject: RE: Letter from a soldier at battle of Champion Hill

It says at the bottom

Company D, 80 Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Thanks,

Tanja
BJ's Stamps and Coins
6342 W. Bell Road
Glendale, AZ 85308
623-878-2080

From: Rebecca Drake [mailto:RBDrake@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:48 AM
To: 'Tanja Turtsanyi'
Subject: RE: Letter from a soldier at battle of Champion Hill

Yes I can help you by telling you a few things the letter reveals. Will have to get back with you. I don't know the name of his regiment but this can be found by various internet sources that tell the state soldiers were from. If the regiment and state could be determined that would help a lot.

RBDrake, historian and Civil War writer

From: Tanja Turtsanyi [mailto:tanja@bjstampsandcoins.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:19 AM
To: webmaster@battleofchampionhill.org; civilwarchamp@comcast.net; rbdrake@comcast.net
Subject: Letter from a soldier at battle of Champion Hill

Hello,

I work in Glendale, AZ at a coin and stamp store. From time to time, we get collectables and this includes a letter from a soldier written in 1863. I found your website when I was trying to do some research about the soldier and the battles he mentions. We found both Jay and his brother Oliver listed in the US Census.

NAME OF DECEASED				
Talbott, Joseph				
NAME OF SURVIVOR				
Widow, Talbott, Christina				
RESIDENCE				
of 81 Ohio Ave				
DATE OF FILING	CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILING
	Enrolled			
(1926 Aug)	Widow	853146	634567	Ohio
	Mar.			
ATTORNEY				

SCHEDULE I. - Free Inhabitants in Salem Township in the County of Jefferson, State of Ohio enumerated by me, on the 17th day of September 1850. *W. H. Williams* Ass't Marshal

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1	2	3	4			7	8	9	10			12
			Age	Sex	Color				Married within the year	Abandoned within the year	Deaf, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict	
1874	1466	John Shuntzmann	24	M		Laborer		Germany				
		Mary	23	F				Prussia				
		Benjamin	22	M				Ohio				
		Wm. Rich	24	F				Prussia				
1875	1467	Elizabeth Campbell	24	F				Ohio				
		Leah	20	F				"				
		Rachel	16	F				"				
		Jacob	14	M				"				
		Rebecca	12	F				"				
		Joseph	9	M				"				
		Abner	7	M				"				
1876	1468	James H. Cade	29	M		Farmer	6000	"				
		Elizabeth	25	F				"				
		Oliver	14	M				"				
		Mary	12	F				"				
		Thomas Wald	24	M		Laborer		"				
		Keziah	12	F				Va				
		Henry Polyo	71	M				Mass				
1877	1469	William H. Ladd	28	M		Farmer	5000	Ohio				
		Caroline	19	F				Ind.				
		Ellen	1	F				Ohio				
		Thomas Shumway	23	M		Laborer		"				
		Anna West	11	F				Va				
1878	1470	Stephen Hull	36	M		Carpenter	210	Ohio				
		Mary	35	F				Prussia				
		Elizabeth	11	F				Ohio				
		James	10	M				"				
		Madison	8	M				"				
		Mary Jane	6	F				"				
		Sarah W.	4	F				"				
		Edija W.	3	F				"				
1879	1471	Thomas F. Talbot	42	M		Wellington		"				
		Henrietta	36	F				N. Y.				
		Oliver	15	M				Ohio				
		Adeline	13	F				"				
		William H.	12	M				"				
		Joseph	10	M				"				
		Allen	8	M				"				
		Mary	6	F				"				
		Benjamin	5	M				"				
		Leah	3	F				"				
		John	2	M				"				

20th Sept 1850

1863 Talbot

American Civil War

May 16, 1863

Following the Union occupation of Jackson, Mississippi, both Confederate and Federal forces made plans for future operations. General Joseph E. Johnston retreated, with most of his army, up the Canton Road, but he ordered Lieutenant General John C. Pemberton, commanding about 23,000 men, to leave Edwards Station and attack the Federals at Clinton.

Pemberton and his generals felt that Johnston's plan was dangerous and decided instead to attack the Union supply trains moving from Grand Gulf to Raymond. On May 16, though, Pemberton received another order from Johnston repeating his former directions. Pemberton had already started after the supply trains and was on the Raymond-Edwards Road with his rear at the crossroads one-third mile south of the crest of Champion Hill. Thus, when he ordered a countermarch, his rear, including his many supply wagons, became the advance of his force.

On May 16, 1863, about 7:00 am, the Union forces engaged the Confederates and the Battle of Champion Hill began. Pemberton's force drew up into a defensive line along a crest of a ridge overlooking Jackson Creek. Pemberton was unaware that one Union column was moving along the Jackson Road against his unprotected left flank. For protection, Pemberton posted Brigadier General Stephen D. Lee's men atop Champion Hill where they could watch for the reported Union column moving to the crossroads.

Lee spotted the Union troops and they soon saw him. If this force was not stopped, it would cut the Rebels off from their Vicksburg base. Pemberton received warning of the Union movement and sent troops to his left flank. Union forces at the Champion House moved into action and emplaced artillery to begin firing.

When Grant arrived at Champion Hill, around 10:00 am, he ordered the attack to begin. By 11:30 am, Union forces had reached the Confederate main line and about 1:00 pm, they took the crest while the Rebels retired in disorder. The Federals swept forward, capturing the crossroads and closing the Jackson Road escape route. One of Pemberton's divisions (Bowen's) then counterattacked, pushing the Federals back beyond the Champion Hill crest before their surge came to a halt. Grant then counterattacked, committing forces that had just arrived from Clinton by way of Bolton.

Pemberton's men could not stand up to this assault, so he ordered his men from the field to the one escape route still open: the Raymond Road crossing of Bakers Creek. Brigadier General Lloyd Tilghman's brigade formed the rearguard, and they held at all costs, including the loss of Tilghman. In the late afternoon, Union troops seized

the Bakers Creek Bridge, and by midnight, they occupied Edwards.

The Confederates were in full retreat towards Vicksburg. If the Union forces caught these Rebels, they would destroy them.

Result(s): Union victory

Location: Hinds County

Campaign: Grant's Operations against Vicksburg (1863) next battle in campaign previous battle in campaign

Date(s): May 16, 1863

Principal Commanders: Major General Ulysses S. Grant [US]; Lieutenant General John C. Pemberton [CS]

Forces Engaged: Army of the Tennessee (three corps) [US]; Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana [CS]

Estimated Casualties: 6,757 total (US 2,457; CS 4,300)

Eightieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry



Three Years Service

This Regiment was organized in the State of Ohio, at large, from October, 1861, to January, 1862, to serve three years. On the expiration of its term of service the original members (except veterans) were mustered out, and the organization, composed of veterans and recruits, retained in service until August 13, 1865, when it was mustered out in accordance with orders from the War Department.

The official list of battles, in which this regiment bore an honorable part, is not yet published by the War Department, but the following list has been compiled, after careful research, during the preparation of this work:

Corinth, Miss. (Siege of), April 30 to May 30, 1862.
Farmington, Miss. May 9, 1862.
Iuka, Miss. September 19-20, 1861.
Corinth, Miss. October 4, 1862.
Raymond, Miss. May 12, 1863.
Jackson, Miss. May 14, 1863.
Vicksburg, Miss. (Siege of), May 18 to July 14, 1863.
Mission Ridge, Tenn., November 25, 1863.
Salkahatchie, S. C., February 3-9, 1865.
Bentonville, N. C., March 19-21, 1865.
Sherman's March To The Sea.

446	Smith, David M.	Private	20	Co. D.	1862 01 20	3 yrs.	Died July 7, 1863, at Vicksburg, Miss.
446	Talbot, Joseph	Private	21	Co. D.	1861 11 22	3 yrs.	Mustered out Feb 13, 1865, at Columbus, O., on expiration of term of service.
446	Taylor, Edward	Private	21	Co. D.	1864 01 01	3 yrs.	Died April 13, 1863, at Huntsville, Ala.

Joseph Talbott Compact Disc #88 Pin #6522
Sex: M

Event(s)

Birth: 28 Aug 1840

, Carroll, Ohio

Death: 15 Jul 1906

,, Ohio

Parents

Father: Thomas Forker Talbott Disc #88 Pin #6511

Mother: Henrietta Allen Disc #88 Pin #6518

Marriage(s)

Spouse: Christine Disc #88 Pin #6536

Marriage:

Notes and Sources

Notes: None

Sources: None

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