

## War Letters

- War brings many soldiers away from home and many took to writing letters throughout their time in service to stay connected to family and friends back home.
- These correspondences provide a personal perspective on war, from the point of view of the soldier fighting, rather than a general or politician.
- Through letters from different wars in American history, researchers can find new information on battles and other events, as well as learn more about the places and people the author encountered.
- Topics can concentrate on war letters as a whole, or letters from one war (Civil War, WWI, WWII, Vietnam)

### Primary Sources:

#### *WHYY War letters collection 1861-1972*

by WHYY (Television station : Philadelphia, Pa.)

Call Number: Collection no. 3060

Finding Aid: [http://hsp.org/sites/default/files/legacy\\_files/migrated/findingaid3060whyyletters.pdf](http://hsp.org/sites/default/files/legacy_files/migrated/findingaid3060whyyletters.pdf)

#### *Louis I. Piatetsky war correspondence* [electronic resource]

Published 1966

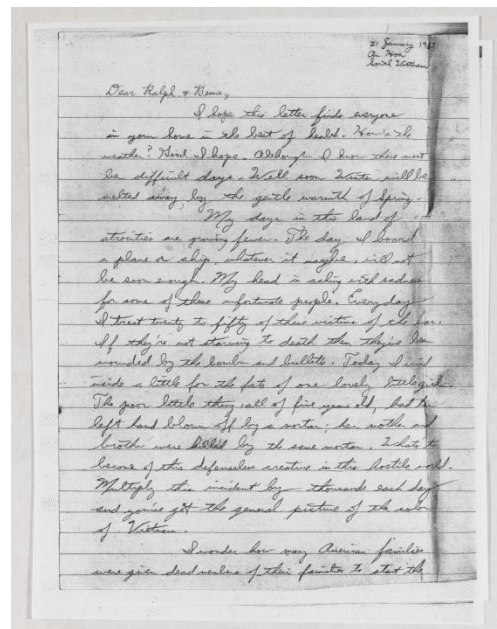
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#### *PFC Edward Woods Vietnam correspondence* [electronic resource]

Published 1966

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\*\*\*Use the suggested search terms to find many other letters in our collection



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**Secondary Sources:**

*War letters: extraordinary correspondence from American wars*

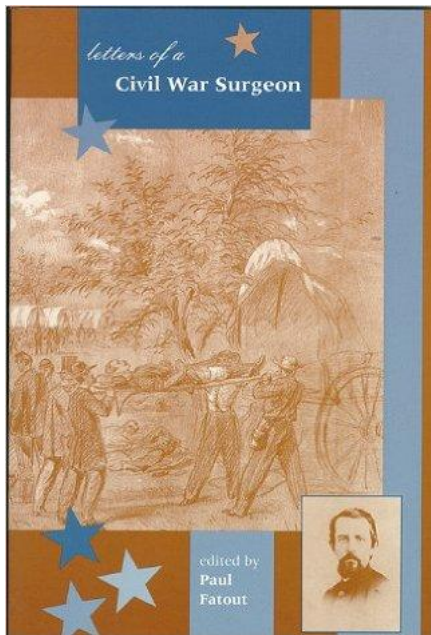
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*Extracts from letters written home: Sept. 1862-Jan. 1863*

by Pennsylvania Militia Pennsylvania Regiment

Call Number: Wq.965



*Letters of a Civil War Surgeon*  
by William Watson

*Letters of a Civil War surgeon*  
by Watson, William, 1837-1879.

Published 1996

Call Number: Biog.E 527.5 105th.W38 1996

*American voices of World War I: primary source documents, 1917-1920*

Published 2001

Call Number: D 570.9 .A44 2001