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SC MESSER, George, 1863  
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Letters, 6 January-31 May 1863, of George Messer to his wife Lottie in DeWitt County, Illinois, while encamped in Hart County, Kentucky and at Camp Hobson, Glasgow, Kentucky. He writes of illness and death among his comrades, troop strength, wage payments, food, and his commanding officers. Weary of a soldier's life and anxious for the South's total defeat, he criticizes conscription laws that allow exemption on payment of a fee, and accuses politicians and "Eastern men" of prolonging the war. He notes local citizens' reluctance to sell goods in camp for fear of confiscation, and reports fraternization with Kentucky women by a relative and fellow soldier.

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***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Civil War, 1861-1865 – Campaigns, battles, military actions – Vicksburg, Mississippi –  
Comments about, 1863

Civil War, 1861-1865 – Compulsory military service – Comments about, 1863

Civil War, 1861-1865 – Hardin County, 1863 – Relating to

Civil War, 1861-1865 – Hart County, 1863

Civil War, 1861-1865 – Illinois – Soldiers from

Civil War, 1861-1865 – Military life, 1863

Cole, Thomas, d. 1863 – Mentioned

Confederate States of America – Comments about, 1863

Cross, Benjamin – Mentioned

Lofton, Barney, d. 1863 – Mentioned  
McNulty, William Wesley, 1844-1916 – Relating to  
Messer, Charlotte (Kelley) “Lottie,” 1839-1907 – Letters to  
Wisner, Henry G. – Comments about, 1863  
Wolf, Joseph R. – Mentioned

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