Guide to the H.B. Hillen letter
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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation

H.B. Hillen Letter, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

The Battle of Fort Henry in 1862 was one of the Union’s first important victories. Union commanders were Brigadier General Ulysses S. Grant and Flag-Officer Andrew H. Foote; Confederate forces were led by Brigadier General Lloyd Tilghman. Fort Henry’s fall opened the Tennessee River to Union gunboats and shipping.

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of one letter, written by a Union soldier from Indiana in February of 1862. In this letter written from Paducah, Kentucky, the soldier provides a detailed description of the Battle of Fort Henry.

He writes about finding 19 dead “Rebels” in a mud hole and says that he captured a mule and a fine rifle. He also mentions the gunning of the Essex.

Notes: The letter appears to be dated as “January 10, 1862,” but the letter was presumably written in February because the fall of Fort Henry was February 6, 1862.

The letter was written in Paducah in February but was mailed from Savannah, Tennessee, over one month later.

Administrative Information

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