


7-24-1864

Letter: W.E. Johnson to Anne Johnson, July 24, 1864.

W. E. Johnson
Confederate States Army

Follow this and additional works at: <http://digitalcommons.wofford.edu/littlejohnwejohnson>

 Part of the [American Studies Commons](#), [Military History Commons](#), [Other Rhetoric and Composition Commons](#), [Political History Commons](#), [Social History Commons](#), and the [United States History Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Johnson, W. E., "Letter: W.E. Johnson to Anne Johnson, July 24, 1864." (1864). *The W.E. Johnson Papers*. Book 24.
<http://digitalcommons.wofford.edu/littlejohnwejohnson/24>

This Manuscript is brought to you for free and open access by the The Broadus R. Littlejohn, Jr. Collection at Digital Commons @ Wofford. It has been accepted for inclusion in The W.E. Johnson Papers by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Wofford. For more information, please contact stonerp@wofford.edu.

Fort Delaware Del (Official Prison July 24th 1864)

My dear Wife

I have written you many letters since I have been a prisoner & have some hope that you have received some of them by this time as I hear communication by Flag of Truce has been opened. I am afraid you have suffered much anxiety about me not knowing whether I was killed or captured & hope that if no other letter has reached you will relieve you anxiously about me. I was captured in the first fight we got into & after skirmishing with the enemy a long time we were ordered to fall back owing to their approach in larger force. I was at the rear of our Co & being very thirsty went into a ravine when had water in it intending to get some ^{water} ~~intending~~ to go up it & rejoin the Co but found the mist & fogs so thick I could not do so & by the time I could return to where I went in the enemy were upon me on both sides & I was obliged to surrender. I knew they had flanked us upon our right but had no idea they were pursuing so close by in our rear. you can imagine my distress & mortification when I found I was a prisoner & by such an accident just as I had got into a position as an officer in a fine Co to be of some credit to myself that I know ledge that you may be in great distress about ^{me} ~~me~~ ^{my} ~~my~~ unhappy condition. It seems that I have been doomed to much unhappiness in the last six months of my life & probably for a long to come. I will try & bear it in a proper spirit & as coming from the "fountain of all good". I find from letters of complete misery, W P Birney, Lt J L M Birney, (Gladders Grove) Capt C J Hale, Capt W Stewart (Lancaster) are here as well as a large number of the best men of country, write me often, whether you think the letters will reach me or not & send me money if possible. I have received some from one of Father's friends & living tolerably well at this time, address me Lt W C Johnson Prisoner of war Fort Delaware Del. by Flag of Truce, with United States & Confederate States postage stamps on envelopes. Broth & can get you some W S stamps probably Green my love to Father Mother Brother Demmie & all. May God Bless you
I will write often your devoted Husband W C Johnson M 4th 53 C

Mrs W E Johnson



50