

Vincello Aug. the 11<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Sister

I embrace the present opportunity of writing to you to tell you the best news that I have had the pleasure of writing for some time it is this. Gen. Price has given Col. Ross permission to mount this Regt. again if the men are willing to risk loosing their horses on their way from Texas which was they were willing to do without a dissenting voice and the men are to start in a few days. 33 three or four at farthest. Dear I have but little to write about as there has but little transpired since I wrote my last. I wrote to Cy yesterday evening Morning he is near Chattanooga Tenn. Gen. Morgan has returned from N. Ky. after having captured 1500 prisoners destroying several million dollars worth of government property besides getting several thousand dollars in specie he also recruited 800 or 900 while he was there. Gen. Forrest also did a great deal of damage to the Fed. in Tenn. and Ky. he performed one of the greatest feats yet. he rode 60 miles burnt three bridges had two skirmishes and one tolerably hard battle all in one day. Gen. Morgan had about 20 men killed and wounded Cy was with Morgan. It is reported here and it is reliable too that the Fed. army in East

Tenn., were captured a few days since it is about 12,000  
or 15,000 strong.

The news is not confirmed yet but if it is true it  
will be in a few days; it is very probable from  
the fact that they have been in a critical place  
for some time and their rations have been  
very short for some time owing to their  
Rail road communication being cut off by  
Morgan and Forrest taking up about 40 miles of  
the Rail roads in their rear and burning all  
the Rail road and other bridges.

I will have to close this directly for I have  
got nothing to write about.

Yes I had like to forgot to tell you that  
I wanted you and Mother to ~~fit~~ and send  
me my overcoat and a couple of Shirts some  
Socks and overshirts for us both if you can  
conveniently.

I have the same old complaint to make about  
getting letters and about the friends not writing  
to me. The 8<sup>th</sup> of April was the last letter  
I received from home though I received one  
from John he was then near Paris in  
Lamar Co. he was well... it was written on the  
13<sup>th</sup> of July. John Crist. is dead he died  
at a hospital in the Southern part of the  
State. I will now close. Give my love to all  
the girls and all other enquiring friends.  
I remain your brother Sam.