

Wesley Mass., Aug. The 11th 1862

Dear Father

and
Mother

I have generally wrote
to Tea because it is more convenient for
her to answer than it is for you but I
Thought I would write you a few lines this
Time as well as her.

We are all well at present except Joe and
there is nothing the matter but diarrhea.
But the main thing that I am to write about
is my horse.

Gen. Price has given John Ross permission
to mount this Regt. if the men are were
willing to risk losing their horses which
was readily agreed to and I want Father to
send me a horse and John a horse and I
want you to try to get me a larger horse than the
Black and John one that is larger too for I
found that notwithstanding the Black was
as good as ever was of his size he was not
strong enough but I donot want you to
make too much sacrifice to get another
one for us. If you cannot get a better
horse than the Black donot send him for
he has had the Sweng and a hard side
would bring it back on him.

Father I want you and all that have
friends or relations in this Regiment

To aid the man that comes after the horses
for this company as much as it is in your
power to do for you have no idea of the
anxiety of the men of this Regt. To get them
for we have been run to killing almost ever
since we have been Infantry.

Those living in peace and quiet at home
can have some idea what it is to march
18 and 20 miles a day over bad roads and
carry a cartridge box full of ammunition
a heavy blanket 3, 4 or 5 days rations and
a heavy gun.

The fact is just reduced to this that
before I or any one else in the Regt. would
go as infantry 2 years longer we would
sacrifice every thing we have got of this
worlds goods, but this is not all; Gen. Price
Maurey and Phifer and even Vandom
think this Regt. can do better service
as Cavalry than Infantry. The Cavalry
that we have got here now is not worth
much the reason I think is this, they
are not good riders and they havent the
confidence in themselves and I have
even heard some of them say that it
was perfect folly to have them as Cavalry
and us Infantry I know nothing about
Infantry service before I tried it. It is
killing on min. W. F. Jefferson Mabrys
Dad is at your house do you if you please
send it to him, it is the Saddle that John

rode home on if John doesn't take it for
he bargained for it before he left. I also
want you to have mine and John's Saddles
rigged with some plain strong rigging for
it will be impossible for us to have them
rigged here and if you can get a couple
of bridles and a couple pair of spurs. And if
it is possible for you to get a pair of
boots made by Brooks at Corsicana
I wish you would do it if the chances
to send them are good for as far of winter
boots would cost \$2.50 dollars here and I
will need a pair if you get them tell to
be shain to make them high in the instep
and full sized 8^{1/2}. John Aycock wants
you if Mr. G. Perry don't get his letter
to tell him to send him a saddle.

I send you \$40 so that it may assist
you some in doing what I have requested
you to do.

I have nothing more to write. Give my
love to all the relations and all enquiring
friends.

With these few lines I remain
with filial regard yours Son. Sam-