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Fort-Smith Oct 8th

Dear Sister

I embrace the present-opportunity of writing you a few short-lines to inform you how we are all getting on.

We are all in tolerable health & in fine spirits. I wrote you word at Mc Kinney that I would not write you word any more till I reached this place; but I come, very near not-coming here. After we left Mc Kinney we marched on finely till we come to the forks in the road where one went to Fort-Gibson & the other to fort-Smith = After we had traveled the F = S = road about two miles we met an express from Gen McCullough ordering us to fort-Gibson.

We turned back to the H. I. road
& marched on & overtook the first
Division that evening - from there
The first & second Divisions marched
together one day & two days later
The whole regiment got together
& marched on toward Fort Gibson
until within one days travel of the Fort
when another express came from Fort
Smith to Colonel Stone, to send
20 men to drive some baggage
waggons to Camp Jackson - So I
volunteered for the purpose of
getting to come to this post office
but when I got here I did not
find a single letter.

We are ordered on to the scene
of action & there is no telling
how soon we may get in to a fight
Thought it is possible we may not
get into a fight this fall - if
not I don't know where we will
winter at

We have - so far had but - little
cold weather though we are expect-
ing it - all the time - & if we have
a cold winter there is a great many
in the army that will suffer
unless we get - good winter quarters -
The Creek Indians are Dissatis-
fied & have Turned against - us.

as you wil read all the news I could
write you befor this letter would
reach you I will end it - by sending
my love to all the family as well
as your self. Give my love to
Fannie & all enquiring friends.

The next letter I write I
intend to send to Father.

All the Tiwacany boys are
well. I dont know where you will direct
your letters = but you can Direct
them to were you think I am am
to Colonel Stontes regiment
Second Regiment Texas cavalry
in the care of Capt Bridges

Write as soon as you get
this for I am anxious to
hear from you all -
With these few lines I remain
your brother
S. B. Love