

Rutherford Co, Tenn

June 12th A.D. 1863

Dear Mr & Mrs. Love!

Dear parents!

This leaves myself and the other Limestone County boys of this Regt. in tolerable good health one of them however (Felix Kennedy) who was taken prisoner at Murfreesboro took Typhoid fever and has not been well since. There are at the present time of the Limestone County boys in this Regt. S. K. Scruggs, Wm Lynch, Dick Oliver, Terry Willie, Felix Kennedy, Walter Wood, U. Casey, Wm Slaughter, Wm Perry, Marcus Perry, Robt Brooks, Peter Kendall, Tom Busney, Wm Owen, and myself; Griffin Kennedy has not been with us in the capacity of a soldier since we took Murfreesboro he was wounded at that time and it has made a cripple of him for life (I mean the fight of last year) he is at this time down about Columbia Felix Kennedy has not been well since he was taken to Camp Chase. The Company to which I now belong numbers about forty men with a Capt. J. W. Baylor 1st Lieut and S. K. Scruggs 2nd Lieut

You have no doubt heard from the 5th Texas oftener than I have and consequently know more about it than I do. It seems from the accounts I have of the fight before Jackson & Hills that the 5th Texas and 6th Tenn brought on the fight and it seems also that Gen. Gregg was in command of the forces there. I have not heard with what stubbornness our boys fought or what their losses were. There has been but little and in fact almost no fighting here since the Murfreesboro battle but what has been done by Sumner and Forrest at the 4th

you have no doubt learned of the death of Vandorn and that
Forrest is now occupying his place as commander of the forces on
the left of this army - he lately drove the enemy out of Franklin
and occupied the place himself for something near a day but
the enemy got reinforcements from some two or three other
places and drove him back again - It seems there is a man by
the name of Jackson in command of a brigade of Texas
Troops who have been sent from Forrest's command to fight
to the army Johnson is concentrating there but I do not
know whether the regt. to which S. B. L. W. I belong has gone down
there or not if so I do not calculate on being able to hear
from them in good while. The Arkansas Post prisoners are
at and about Beech Grove and Fairfield. Harry Pender
and other of the Limestone County boys are here but not in very
good health or spirits I have not seen Harry as yet but expect to
see him in a day or two if nothing comes in the way more than
I know of at the present time. Crops are very fine in this
country and will make an abundant yield in most places but
in others there is a good deal of smut - Things are now as they
have been for some time dull and of no importance. I had not learned
of James' death till the arrival of Marcus Perry I have said some
things in this letter that I said in a former letter but from the uncertainty
of their getting to your hands I have concluded to repeat them.
I hope the blessings of the Almighty will attend you and protect
us both so that we may meet again.

Yours in Affectionate regards
O. W. Love