

Memphis April the 2^{7th} 1862

Dear Father and Mother

As we have halted this evening ^{I thought I would write you a few hasty lines.} to await further orders. We are in 3 miles of Corinth and it will be but a few days till we will be engaged for Gen: Beauregard sent 80,000 men forward yesterday and ~~at~~ ^{are} listening every hour to hear the battle begin. We are at present 20 miles from Shiloh where the last battle was fought and we all feel that almost our all depends upon the issue; we also feel have perfect confidence in our ability to whip them wherever we ~~will~~ meet them on land and notwithstanding we have been so unfortunate in losing our forts on the Miss-
River and the sea coast we have not at all Despaired of ultimate success for it is the opinion of all that when this battle is fought, that if we whip them there is but little doubt of it. The Genls will have to give up all the places they have taken. There is but little doubt about our success although the Genls - have near 200,000 while we have only 150,000. We heard the guns at Memphis while they were shelling fort Pillow a distance of 40 miles. I have not heard anything of Cy Uncle John or any of our relations.

I believe it is the determination of all to fight them as long as there is any of us living so that if they get it they will get a depopulated country. There is not any news that I could write that you would not hear before you would get this. In fact I doubt very much about this ever getting to you. There is one thing that I wish to say. It is this the people of Texas as well as all the other States ought to prepare for the worst or in other words they ought to organize into companies and Reg^t ¹/₁₁ one and all for the purpose of repelling an invasion for I believe it is the policy of the Northern Government to take possession of all the Southern States and they by doing so will possibly weaken their forces so much that we can invade. but to prevent them from getting entire possession it would be well to be prepared to receive them at home. I have nothing more to write only we are all well and I do sincerely hope that these few lines will find you all enjoying the same blessing. Give my love to all enquiring friends and more especially to the family and relations.

With these few hastily and badly written lines I remain your son

D. B. Love