

St. Camp East of Memphis

Oct 25th A.D. 1861

Pat. Mr J. A. Loves!

Dear parents:

This leaves myself and the relatives in camp in good health the two companies that arrived first (ours & the McLellan County Company) are in comparatively good health - five other companies of Gregg's Regiment are just now getting in to camp. Col. Gregg received day before yesterday an order from the War department to move as soon as possible to a point near the Kentucky line - I think the place to which we will be moved is Clarksville on the Columbia river about fifty miles from Nashville. The Col. telegraphed on yesterday to know whether we would move by companies or wait until the regiment is formed he will know to day so by tomorrow we may be on the march to some other place I will let you know as soon as we get to the place of destination how to direct your letters and give you any further information that I may have the right to give you I will say just here fearing that I would forget if I delay longer that wool in this section is selling from what I can learn from \$1.50^{cts} to \$1.00 pr lb I think speculators are buying it up as we were coming out we passed several men we took to be speculators from the way they talked they said they were compelled to have the wool I think they have possibly mad a contract with the government to furnish the troops with clothing but this is a guess only - they said they were compelled to have it because many of the troop were nearly naked troops are going toward Kentucky as fast as possible

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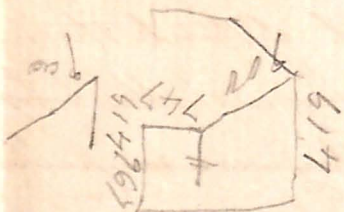
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When I left home I thought we would be able to buy things we needed here at cheaper rates than elsewhere but things are exactly different. Common Jersey that sold Fairfield for from thirty to fifty cents per yd is selling here for from .75^{cts} to \$1.00 and all other things in proportion except probably sugar and Molasses. Beef is 15^{cts} Bacon from .25^{cts} to .30^{cts} - The fight at Leesburg last Monday was a complete rout to the Federals they lost 500 killed 300 drowned in crossing the river and 200 prisoners but our loss was sever 400 killed and 300 wounded I learn from a Capt. Dupree of Col. Griers Reg. that McCullough did not do that Regiment justice in his report of the fight at Oak Hill. He says that Griers Regiment was ordered in pursuit of the enemy and killed a good many taking five cannon. You will possibly learn all these things faster by mail than I could inform you by letters but any thing I know I will write any way - you can write to me at any time from where I write my letters to you and they will be forwarded to me at any other place I may have moved to.

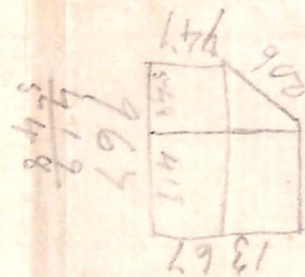
Yours in affection and filial regard till death

C. M. Lee



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