

Tupelo Miss. Aug. The 25th / 1862

Miss Tea Love

Dear Sister

Johnnie Pleasant has been discharged and I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that we are all well yet and in fine spirits because we are in hope of getting our horses soon.

There is but little prospect of us leaving this place very soon; for they have sent all our wagons off to the southern part of the State for the purpose of grasping the mules.

It is reported that 30000 Fed. troops have landed at the junction of the Yazoo and Miss. Rivers with ^{the} Miss. River and if it is twelve miles above Vicksburg for the purpose of taking that place and if it is

True = the next move we make
from here ~~to~~ will be in that
direction. It is also reported
that Gen. Bragg is moving from
Chattanooga in the direction
of Nashville though it is not
confirmed yet. = Gen. Morgan has
gone back in to Tenn. and
took Gallatin a large town in the state
burnt 40 cars took several hundred
improved Springfield rifles also
great quantities of Ammunition and
Medical Stores. I have not heard
the particulars yet = it is reported
that they took all without a fight
though they had not been gone
more than four hours before
1200 Fedts. entered the town but
they were too late. Myself with
Gen. M. I guess. I know of no
other news to write.

Dear I want you and mother
to make and send me several
shirts 3 or 4 for socks one or

two pr drawers of "C" and I want
you to feel others to do the same
for it is going to be impos-
sible for us to get such
things here but worse than
all do I want Leathers to
send me a pr of Boots for
it is impossible for us to get
them even now. Capt. Ross
got back from Mobile day before
-yesterday. He bought a pr.
Shoes just such as I have
bought for \$5. and 10¢ and
had to give \$18.⁰⁰ for them
So that a good pr. of Boots
at the same ratio would
cost \$35 or \$40, and the most
common brogans are selling from
\$8 to \$10 the reason of the high
prices is the scarcity of leather
and the great demand there
are thousands in the army
that are barefooted and cannot
get shoes and the reason that

I write to you is because the demand is not so great at home and I will need a pair of Boots this winter if I should not get a furlough for it is likely that we will have a good deal of scouting to do if we should be so fortunate as to get our horses which is very desirable. When speaking of myself I have not included John but he will need as much as me. I hope the citizens will do what they can to get clothing for their friends and relations in the army. The people are willing to do all they can but they have got so many in the field that they cannot do much for the Mexicans. So we will have to depend upon the citizens of Texas. If they should start with clothing I would say this that the best and safest route would be

To come to Sims Port on Bayou
Atchafalaya and there they will
be likely to find Steamboats they
could put a wagon on there and
land it on this bank of the
Miss River with less danger than
any other I think and then
bring it out to the Rail Road
and ship it to us directly.
It is getting late and I will
have to close.

This leave us all well and
God grant that it may find
you all enjoying the same
blessing.

Give my love to all the fam-
ily and to all enquiring
friends and to yourself the
same. Tell all the Friend
and relations to write to
me. I am in haste your
brother "Sam"

Mrs. A. J. first
American Mills
James Lane
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Care of Mrs. A. J. first

W. B.

Tell Ellen Farnoil and
Bettie that they might write
to me once and awhile.
Now I must tell you one thing
that is a little strange it is
this there are as great many
pretty girls in this country
and not one of the boys seem
to pay the least attention
to them notwithstanding
there are some great ladies
men here men that you
would think would pay
attention to them on every
possible occasion but it is not
the case they seem to have become
perfectly indifferent to the
charms of beauty but I
think it is not likely they will
continue so long after they
get back home.

All the Donaldson prisoners
have been exchanged for and
we have been looking for Grege
Regt here for several days. Same