

Hopkinsville Christian Co. Ky. =

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1864

Pa: Mr J. A. Love!

Dear parents!

This leaves myself and the other  
Relatives in good health excepting colds. Uncle  
A. C. L. has not come up with us yet he was left  
at Clarksville as we came through there with  
some 20 of the Regiment that were sick. 3 or 4  
of them were of our company the last one of our  
Company will come up in a bout a week one  
of the number that were left died two or three  
have died since we came here we left here  
yesterday was a week ago as we thought to fight  
the enemy at Madisonville but we were taken to  
Princeton Caldwell County where we remained  
a few days but found no enemy in a body the  
worst enemy here are the Unionists - the little  
6<sup>th</sup> Cannon which we had with us went out the day  
before we left Princeton and returned the day we left  
they found a Gun Boat on the Columbia River some  
where below Canton and shot at it once but fired no  
more as they concluded they were not able to injure it

but they afterward heard that the shot they  
fired damaged their wheel house some and broke  
the hog chain. The artillery men said the boat got  
off some distance and fired back at the little  
cannon with Shell Ball and Grape but did  
no harm we could hear the firing to Princeton  
~~Distance about 30 miles~~ There are a good many  
Texans here and elsewhere in Ky Terry's  
Regiment is at Bowling Green and there are  
a good many companies in other Regiments  
It is about 30 miles to Princeton we left here  
yesterday was a week ago at sun down traveled till  
11 O'clock slept on our arms and got to Princeton  
next evening about 4 O'clock = We left there <sup>day before</sup> yester-  
day about an hour before sun down and got  
here yesterday about sun down = We have a report  
here that a fight took place at Pikeville in Missou  
in which we are said to have lost about 200 men  
the enemy are reported to have lost about a  
thousand in killed and wounded but as  
I have before said you are more likely to  
get the truth than we = there is possibly a good  
deal of Skirmishing but no prospect of a general battle

I would be very glad to have some news from  
you I have had but one letter from home  
since I left many others however are getting  
letters all the time some have had as many  
as 6 or 8 letters from about in Freston and  
Limestone We have no news of importance  
when there is any if I am living I will  
write immediately and will let you  
know all that I can - Genl. (Tilmon)  
his name is spelled <sup>ed</sup> Tilghman has been  
sent to Columbus Genl Clark takes his  
place here I know nothing as yet about  
him what there is of this is a considerable  
scribble I will write again soon

Yours in filial regard till death