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John & Elizabeth Farmers

Dear brother & sister, This leaves me and the other relatives here in good health except colds. I have cold the second time for the last five or six days which like the first seems to <sup>have</sup> deep hold on my lungs - there have about one hundred and forty of the Regiment died since we came here - George & Morcellus & Moody's Geo Bradley and John Womack are considerably better John Womack will however be confined to his bed for a good while yet on account of the weakness of his loins

Capt's Moody and W. S. Harris are in camp the Capt has had a slight attack of flux but is better Harris had Measles which settled in his head and finally broke in his ear as the ear got better the Measles of his neck swelled and is paining him very much I think from its appearance it will break in a few days

There have been a good many reports of the advance of the enemy since we came here a report came six or eight days ago that they were certainly advancing on us and were reported by Couriers to be in about thirty five miles of us and the calculation was that we would have had a fight here three or four days ago but Col. Forest who went out with about a thousand men has returned and reports the enemy at South Carrollton but he did not know if it were their design to come this way as they seem to be undetermined themselves

I believe they are afraid to come although from all appearances this seems to be the time at which they have concluded to make their long contemplated simultaneous movements

We had the report about the same time that the enemys gun boats had come up the Tennessee river and taken Fort Henry and were also marching on Fort Donald on the Cumberland river. we have also a report that they had attacked Humphrey Marshal in the Mountains of East Kentucky the first report was that Marshal had whipped them in the fight but from an insufficiency of forces was under the necessity of falling back farther into the Mountains - the last report is taken from a yankee paper stating that Marshal considering his case a desperate one had given his men choice between a fight and disbanding they are said to have chosen the latter disbanded and were trying to make their escape as best they could the yankee paper stated that they were being pursued by a strong force of Cavalry There is no doubt of the Confederate forces in N. W. Virginia having driven the enemy in complete route to the North Side of the Potomac they also took U. S. Munitions and provisions to the amount in value of about three hundred thousand dollars - from the best information I can get there are above One Hundred thousand men at Bowling Green - they will be certain to whip any force that can come against them.

There are several of our company who have made application  
for discharges or are about to do so Rob<sup>t</sup> Murray's  
discharge has just come to hand John Bolch has been  
applied for and has been looked for for several days  
John Womack will necessarily get one

Our company at this time numbers rank & file a  
Seventy one men we have lost twenty three by  
death and two by discharge - there is but little  
severe sickness but a good deal of light-sickness for  
the last week or two nothing more

Yours &c  
C. P. Love