

Camp Alcorn - Hopkinsville Tenn.

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C. T. Love:

Dear Sister:

I received a letter from you some time back it was the only one I have had from any of you since I left home. I have written to father frequently this being sufficient as all would then know how we were getting along. I have learned nothing from the boys (Saml. & John) more than what I wrote from Memphis. I have learned through Mr. ~~that~~ M. Davis of Springfield that Stones Regt. is probably still at the same place they then were in the upper part of Arkansas. but I do not know enough about their location to know how to write to them. I do not know whether my letters reach you or not but I have expressed a desire in every letter to be informed where they are but as I get no letters from you I can know nothing about them. I have had a few chills within the last week and thought I had the Mumps but I do not know whether so or not if so they have been very light I am now getting well have not been under the necessity of going to bed for a good while during the time in fact hardly at all. Uncle Andrew Andrew jr and Robt High are at Clarksville Robt High has had ~~chills~~ but is better I do not think there has been much the matter with Andrew jr at any time he has been like many others of the Company sick a little but generally low spirited There is a large Hospital at Clarksville a Female College with 150 rooms capable of accommodating from 400 to 600 men this Hospital the one here and all the hospital room at Nashville are full and crowded with the sick from this place and Boling Green there are about 5000 men here and about 50,000 at Boling Green. One of the Lynches has died - Bulger Peoples was very sick a few days ago - the man who told this ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~you~~ ^{you} was there but could not tell about his health

This was a Mr Leonard from McClellan Co he is here to see one of his sons in the
Regt he has another son at Manassas himself and another son belong
to Terry's Regt he says that from 75 to 100 of Terry's men have died -
A Mr Roberts who lives on Brazos Tivacana is here - he has a son in the Company
from McClellan County - There was a report here in Camp a couple of days ago that
the army at Manassas had been falling back for four days burning their tents and
baking up their pot-vestles and destroying all things else that they could not
take with them this though is not to be believed any farther than that a strate-
getic move on the eve of a battle which is about to take place is being made by
the Commanding Officers which may appear to men in some part of the line
of Battle very much like a retreat - but I fully believe if there is any
falling back at all it is for the purpose of having the advantage at some
particular point - I am not able to get hold of more than half the News
Papeps that come to Camp and do not know whether the following
report is from them or only verbal - Seward is reported as having said
that the people of his country would hear glorious News in a few days
exactly what he meant by this is not known it may be that he thinks
some great victory will be gained by the Federals but as they have
been whipped ~~over~~ time and in view of this fact it could be consid-
ered nothing less than a high degree of presumption for him to allude
to such a thing as this the glorious News must in my view be
the hanging of Sdell and Mason as they have these men
in a defenseless condition in their power and I understand
hold such a threat over them in fact they are trying to have acts passed
by their Congress to confine them in dungeons - from some statements in the last
papers we have it appears that Price and McCulloch having of Offices of equal grade
and one not willing to obey the other there has been an officer placed in command over both

The same paper states that Rice is moving toward Kansas where the same report says he intends making his future operations, but I do not believe this at all. There have up to this time eight if not ten of our company dead the last one is now being buried at this place the two that probably make up the ten are at Clarksville. Uncle Andrew stated in a letter to Col. Gregg that he had a temporary position in the Hospital at Clarksville - Mr. Davis came by there as he came here he says Uncle Andrew is pretty much worn out by his assiduity in attending to the sick.

I have not written to any one else but father before this and will write to him hereafter as money is too scarce to be spending much more than is necessary to make our health and circumstances known at home.

I have written about all worthy writing about and probably a good deal more and will quit hoping to get a letter from home soon.

Yours truly are

C. W. Love