Off. Camp 180 miles East of Minden
Clayborn Parish La.
Oct 14th A.D. 1861
Sir & Madam

Dear parents,

I have been in the land of Cypress, Beach and Preble since I crossed Red River. We are to night in 60 or 65 miles of Monroe. We are now to go to Memphis instead of Corinth. And it is my belief that we will be ordered from these up into Kentucky—I will however write to you from Monroe and Memphis as soon as I get to those places. I have been in good health since I left home. We are all walking some do not stand it so well as far but the are getting better every day. I can walk about as well as the rest of them. I have not ridden on horse or wagon more than 20 miles since I left Fairfield. We all rode on the Cans about 18 miles out from Marshall. We have been treated very kindly by all except one man from Fairfield to this place. There will be but a small crop of cotton gathered in this State about such as will be gathered in Texas. Corn has been good here. Nearly all the young men have gone from this section to the war. We heard from an old man on the road this morning that fighting had begun at the mouth of the Mississippi that firing had been heard in that direction for 2 days and that the ball proof vessel called the Yokher had gone out to try its power against the W. & B. vessels. You may not hear these thing before I
We also heard from the same source I think; Galveston had
given itself into the hands of the Federal forces without
any sort of resistance but we can hardly believe this.
We have heard of some severe fighting in Western Virginia
between Lee and Rosecrans, the fighting is reported to
have lasted two days Rosecrans having been killed and
his army completely routed. It have nothing of much im-
portance to write but as we will pass by a post offi Sergeant
Morning I thought I would drop you a few lines to let
you know how we were getting along Our relatives in
The company and Jerry Douglass in the McCullan County
Company are all in good health and every member of
both companies are improving in health.
I wish you would write to me at once this direct
your letters to the Care of Capt H. A. Curley Co D Enn slow
Regiment be sure if you hear from the boys to
let me know what you have learned and let me
know where they are gone No more at present
Yours Truly till death
E. M. Love