

W. Camp 15 Miles East of Minden
Clayborn Parish La.

Oct 14th A.D. 1861

Sar. M. & J. A. Love:

Dear parents!

I have been in the land of Cypress Beach and Maple 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 there 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 so far but they are getting better every day. I can walk about as well as the best of them. I have not ridden on horse or wagon more than 20 miles since I left Fairfield. We all rode on the cars about 18 miles out from Marshal. 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 to day 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 Gopher had gone out to try its power against the U.S. vessels. You no doubt hear these things before I do.

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 Rosecrantz the fighting is reported to have lasted two days Rosecrantz having been killed and his army completely routed. I have nothing of much importance to write but as we will pass by a post off. to Morrow 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 Wylie in the McEllan 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 Memphis direct your letters to the Care of Capt. W. L. Moody Co. Gregg 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.
C. W. Love