

At Camp near Memphis

Oct 20th A.D. 1861

Sir M. & T. A. Loves:

Dear parents:

I wrote to you before arriving at Monroe and have had no opportunity to do so since. We got on the cars at Monroe yesterday at 5 O'clock - came from there to Vicksburg by 10 O'clock. from there to Jackson Miss - by Canton and Grenada to this place. The night we left Monroe it had rained all night and every thing was thoroughly wet by the time we had finished loading. There has nothing transpired worth writing about since I wrote last except what you may possibly learn before this gets to you - it is that there has been a fight in Kentucky reported in which there were said to be about 1500 Confederates against 2000 Federals. The Federals getting whipped losing 75 or 80 and a good quantity of arms and provisions the Confederates losing but few probably some ten or fifteen. There was a man from New Orleans who came to Memphis this morning on the same train of cars with ourselves who reported that the little vessel called the Gopher would go down and attack the blockading fleet this morning it is the same vessel about which we have heard so much. I was informed this morning by a citizen of Memphis that there were two other boats of the same kind being built at or near the city. I have seen no one that I knew since I left Marshal. I may however have neglected to say in my former letters that Burgess Model had joined a company I think the Upsher County Greys Burgess was with us up to the night after we left Shreveport. where our company and Capt Granberry (of McLellan County) left them and came on together to

Monroe at this place we left Capt. Granberry as one of his men was too sick to travel. I find some men as I pass along through this region of country particularly since we crossed the Mississippi who if they and their interests were all that was to be defended I for one would do nothing but leave them to the Mercy of the Yankees. but there not many of this kind on the Road from where we started to Monroe and at the latter place we found one real whole sould fellow who was constantly engaged in supplying us with what was necessary.

This leaves the entire company in good health or nearly so there has been one or two having chills nearly every day since we left home

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Some of the boys in our mess were tired and Sleepy and washed the bed made down this bothered me then I had to issue rations after Night and consequently did not finish writing last night but have nothing of importance since I begun last night I think the calculation is that we will be here some time but I do not know how long write to me often letters from home at this time will much more gratifying than at any other I will write again as soon as I learn any thing of importance

Yours truly and affectionately till death

C. W. Love