

Camp Moore Hopkinsville Ky July 15<sup>th</sup> 1862

Mrs E. J. Love:

Dear Sister:—I received your letter of Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> a day or two ago from which I gather the information that you had recd other letters from the boys since you wrote it appears that they are with Price at Springfield Mo. whether McCulloch is at that place, there has not to my knowledge been any fighting in Mo yet we can hardly get the truth about any thing here— I answered your other letter the same day it got to hand I mean the one in the long envelope which was unsealed when it came to hand and did not have the appearance of having been sealed at all you should be careful to seal your letters if you do not wish them to be read other than those you write to— In your last the one this is an answer to you say that Joe Baker wrote to his father that he had not had his coat on during the day that he wrote and that it was the first cold weather he had experienced since he had got into that country of any consequence. The coldest weather we have had here was yesterday the day before and today so far— there has been a little snow and sleet but not enough to cover the ground and there has been but little wind with it except the first day when there was a little bluster from the North attended with some rain but it did not last long I believe however that it has been greatly to our disadvantage that we have had so warm and mild a winter the little changes from cold to warm with the attendant dampness of the atmosphere has no doubt in my mind been the cause of so much sickness and death among us— The Regiment has lost up to this time about One Hundred and thirty men by death and about twenty five by discharge— Several have gone home from the Regiment on furlough to try to get recruits for the Regiment— I cannot however believe that there will be many recruits except from purely patriotic motives if the true state of things here is fairly represented to them they will at once see that their chances for dying of camp diseases is far greater than the chances of being killed on the field of battle— Sickness in the camp seems to be somewhat abated though not much— and from what those who have been living in this country a long time say this has been a milder winter than usual up to this time but the worst of it is from about the first of this month on up to March if this should be the case this winter we have nearly all the odd part of it by through yet but it may not be the intention to bring recruits here until spring opens which I think is the proper time for soldiers from the more Southern States to come I shall write a letter Sam<sup>l</sup> & Johnson maybe it will get to them— write to me at all times immediately on receiving any news from them— a letter has just been recd from Jas Davis who was at Bowling Green when he wrote he went from here to Bowling Green to take clothes to the Limestone Co Boys when he got there he waited a while to see the big fight which was supposed would take place right away but had not up to the time of his writing he took sick after he went up there and

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after waiting some time for the fight concluded to start back home which he did  
Some days ago I expect if so he may reach home before this letter gets to you  
in his letter from Bowling Green he says the Limestone County boys had  
not died as badly as we had heard we had heard that one of the Lynch boys  
and one of the Peoples boys also were dead but he stated that Peoples was not dead  
had been sick but was there so he could go about I am now in the house of a  
Mr Bryan waiting on Geo Bradley for Womack and Georges old negro boy  
George has been threatened with inflammation of the Brain and since he got  
better of that he has been having periodical chills and fevers he is not yet  
clear of his brain affection the chills are about seven and fourteen days apart  
to day was his day to have one but so far it seems to me he has had no signs of it and  
I think he will miss it entirely Geo Womack has been affected by a combination of diseases  
he is however nearly clear of most of them but will never be fit for service and I doubt if he  
will ever become able to walk much he says his back was broke when he was a boy and  
that he has never been well of it since at this time he is unable to turn himself over in bed  
and we have to be careful in moving him to keep from hurting him.

Geo Blain is acting commissary for the Regt and is generally busy coming  
and going to and from the camp to town for provisions Uncle A is in the  
Hospital hard at work waiting on the sick of the Regiment as far as he is  
able A C jr & Cousin John are staying at camp for the time in my  
mess Andrew has been sick as I stated in a previous letter but was better  
until six or eight days ago when he took the mumps he is getting better  
of them now Robt High is still at Clarksville a few days before we got to  
Monroe La John Balch a son of Parson Balch who once preached for East  
Prairie folks got with us since he got here he has learned that his father who it seems  
had been inclined to consumption for some time has died John is now trying to  
get a discharge for the purpose of going home to take care of his mother but I do not  
know whether he will be able to procure one or not. Col. Gregg has written  
on to the war department to get one for him if it can be done but has not  
received any information yet as to what would be done in the case - Messrs  
Leroy & Marcellus Moody are getting well Capt Moody has been suffering from  
Flux for the last five or six days but I think was some better this morning  
Mr W. L. Harris has had Measles which have affected his head or rather his ears one  
of them has been running for several days - Burges & Modrell has been in pretty good  
health ever since he has been here - I would like very much to see you all for a few days  
and then come back again - tell Ellen if I stay the three years out I will expect to see more  
besides herself and Jim about what I have to eat I told you in a previous letter give me all the news  
of the country when you answer this

Yours fraternally  
C. W. Love