

Jim
C & L Camp about twenty miles E. of Kingston,

August 18th A.D. 1862

for Mr & Mrs Love!

Dear parents:

I sent a letter by hand to you a few days ago but as it may not reach you I write again by the hands of another man returning to Texas from the regiment. This leaves me in the enjoyment of good health and also the other boys from Limestone Co. except Walter Wood Bulger Peoples and William Brooks - the latter will get a discharge this evening the other two will probably get discharges after we return from the expedition into Middle Tenn which will start tomorrow morning at 4 O'Clock. The expedition may extend as far up as Ky and may be out for some time and probably will not return to this place at all as we are likely the advance guard of Genl Bragg's army which from appearances are now about to make a general move into Tenn toward Ky. - We learned yesterday that Morgan had passed out by Cumberland gap toward Ky and had attacked and captured

or killed some six or Seven Hundred of the enemy at Gallatin Tenn and also that a courier from Buell had been captured with a message from Buell demanding conveyance for his troops ammunition and baggage so that he may be able to fall back toward the northern States or rather as we would say retreat from the dangers of being whipped and captured by ~~our~~ forces = from what we learned yesterday the enemy have retreated from Cumberland Gap and there is now no doubt that our Commanders intend making a general move against the enemy from all parts of East Tenn - There is hardly any doubt but there are seventy five to One Hundred thousand of our troops from Chattanooga to Knoxville - The enemy will no doubt soon be driven from Tenn and I think from Kentucky also My horse is worn down so he cannot travel and I do not know now whether I will go with this expedition into Middle Tenn or not some of the boys who have good horses may not go if they do not I may get a horse from one of them.

I can write but little as we are preparing two days rations for ourselves and horses. Hoping the almighty will protect us and bring us together again I remain filially yours
C. W. Love