

There are none of the Regt dying at this time I think  
and none have died in the last eight or ten days  
The Regt has suffered severe loss of numbers but we have  
not suffered as much as a Kentucky Battalion at this  
place they have lost as I learn one hundred & the rise since  
they came here out of about five hundred. Some of the  
Mississippi Regts have lost more in proportion to  
numbers than we have and the people who live here have  
been dying of the same diseases.

Our Adjutant has been to Boling Green Nashville &  
Clarksville. he says there is no prospect of a fight at Boling G.  
that he heard of. While at Nashville a telegraphic dispatch  
came from N. O. to the effect that England had recognized the  
Southern Confederacy and that it was generally believed at  
that place. The movement of Crittendens forces was not to come  
immediately to this place as was thought for a while: they went  
to a place (South Carrollton) on Green River and were there  
the last that was known of them what their designs is can  
hardly be conjectured but we will be able to meet and whip  
them let them come which way they may I think.

There are about 25,000 of the enemys forces in near Fort  
Henry on the Tennessee River. who I think have put  
themselves in a rather close place if they could only know it

We have a report here that Price in Missouri has whipped and  
captured a force of 10,000 of the enemy and it is believed but  
may not be true: there is also a report that a battle has been fought  
and won by the Confederates on the Potomac but this is not believed

There are but six of our company now at Clarksville and but two  
in the Hospital at this place. Robt. Williams is in bad health  
and has been for some time he has decreased in flesh very  
much - has been sick a long time - nearly ever since we came  
here. he does not take as good care of himself as he should and  
unless some change takes place I doubt if he will ever get well  
Most of the boys of our company are in camp and but few who are  
not getting better but there are not more than eight or ten able  
to do military duty and none of them much more than able  
There are considerable fortifications being made at Clarksville and Nashville.



The people of the latter place are said to be very much afraid the enemy will get as far down as that place, but their fears are I think entirely groundless.

After Crittendens and Zollicoffers defeat. Crittenden conducted the retreat of his forces across Cumberland River and has made a stand in about nineteen miles of the place where the fight took place with the determination to fight them again he having received reinforcements will no doubt whip them if they engage in battle. There will no doubt be some hard fighting as soon as the weather is suitable for infantry and Artillery to move. The weather at this time is very bad and changes oftener than it does in Texas it has been raining all day and has steered some to night it is steeting and raining together at this time about ten o'clock.

I wrote in my last letter to you that Forrest's Cavalry forces had been out. there is a man with Forrest's forces who fights on his own hook. When Forrest returned he left this man to watch the movements of the enemy. he took it into his head to try to kill some of the enemy pickets at a bridge near where they are now staying - picked his horse about three miles from the bridge and went to it found three of them there killed two of them broke one of their guns - took the other and came in a day or two ago - some other independent men are doing similar acts.

What I have written is not of much importance as you will no doubt have heard the most of it before this reaches you. Burgess is well and doing well he sends his respects to all.

Yours fraternally  
C. W. Love