

Camp Alcorn at Hopkinsville Ky.

Nov 6th A.D. 1861

Sir M. & T. A. Lovell

Dear parents:

I wrote at Memphis but did not have an opportunity to mail the letter and did not send it still neither have I had time and opportunity to write since I left there until now and not much of importance to write at this time.

We were hurried through in quick time from Memphis to this place traveling in open Stock Cars most of the time traveling both night and day in this condition sleeping as best we could on the cars living on molasses and bakers bread or hard bread the last of which is nothing more than a thin cake of flour baked hard - I think there have but four or five died since the Regiment left Texas none have died in our company there are however a good many in the Regiment sick at the present time 3 or 4 in our company there is at least one third of the Regiment that have bad colds but there is hardly a man who would be kept out of a fight if one should take place we were ordered from Memphis to Clarksville Tenn. We got to Clarksville by Steam boat down the Cumberland in the morning a while after mid. night and there was an order came there next day for us to march immediately to this place which we did in pretty quick time ~~over~~ a bad road expecting when we got here to get a fight - but it appears now that there is not much prospect for one to come off very soon unless we go from here to find it and the Regiment are very desirous of a fight before the war ends this post is commanded by Genl. Gilman - I have seen him and his conduct together with his reputation here indicate that he is the right kind of a man - Jerry's Reg^t is at Bowling Green 50 or 60 miles from here one of his Companies

attacked two Companies of the enemy and hardly left one
of them to tell the tale (so report has it) and it is generally
believed here - there is a strong enough force here now to cause
Genl. Gilmon to feel confident that he will be able to whip
any number of the enemy that can come against him
Two or three of our Company were left at Clarksville sick and Uncle
A. L. was left in charge of them they are getting well
and will be here soon - I saw Uncle John a short time at
Jackson Miss - he and family were well I also saw Walker
love and Mary at Memphis they were well - the Camp East
of this place and about a mile and a half from us has
meazles and mumps they will no doubt soon be in our camp
but there are not many who have not already had them
Direct your letters to - C. W. Love

Capt. Moody's Company
Col. Gregg's Regt.
Hopkinsville Ky

Any thing of importance taking place I will let you
know it if I am permitted to write

Yours in filial regard until death
C. W. Love

Mr. C. W. J. W. B. J. J.