

Camp Alcorn Christian County Ky
Nov. 10th A. D. 1861

Dear Mr. J. A. Love!

Dear parents:

I have learned some very cheering news on yesterday a messenger arrived at this place bringing the news that our forces at Columbus had been attacked by the Lincoln army to the number of of about ten thousand land forces on this side the river a strong force on the other bank and seven teen gun boats on the river our forces came out and met those on this side and nearly destroyed the whole of them a man here who is just from there says he could walk on dead bodies a distance of seven miles - the Lincolnites went in to the river rapidly as the only chance for escape the Lincolnites supposed Genl. Pillow had left the other bank and I suppose this is the reason why they thought fit to throw forces on the West bank what the result on that side has been I have not ascertained - The guns from the fort soon silenced the gun boats and compelled the enemy to quit them It has been another glorious victory for us It is reported that that there have been fights at Leesburgh and Manassas in which we are said to have been successful nothing however confirmatory of either - We are under the command of Genl. L. O. Dyd Vilghman who gave us an informal review yesterday he then went from

here to town where he found a messenger from Columbus bearing the news of the fight - he immediately returned to the camp to inform us - he said to me to be the right sort of a man and his talk indicates that he will give us a fight the first favorable opportunity - he says we are a fine Regiment - thinks or at least he said we could whip them ten to one - there are said to be 600 men from this country in the Federal army - there are also 600 or 700 Secessionists - there are said to be about 5000 Ky's in the Federal army - the Secessionists of the country are the true men of Kentucky - liberal whole souled men

We are to day finishing the election of Officers of the Regiment - Gregg is elected Col. Clough of Marshal Lieutenant Col. and I think Capt. Granberry of the Waco Rifles will be elected Major I heard from Uncle A. G. yesterday he was left at Clarksville in charge of the sick of our Company, one of whom is not well enough to come forward - yet - John Andrew, Robt. High and Burgess Modrell are in good health Geo. Blain is not in good health - Geo. Bradley, Wm. Harris and J. A. Womack are not well Geo. Bid is lying in a foot of me now he thinks it exceedingly doubtful whether he will get home again but if he does he says if he does he will own one of these Mississippi Rifles, they are a fine gun the Regiment are almost entirely armed and equipped - we are now ready for any thing that can come against us and the Almighty being with us we will whip any thing that does come

I will write again in a few days if I have any thing to write I have had but one letter from home since I left would be glad to get one at any time

Yours in filial regard until death

C. W. Love

P.S. I do not mean by what I said of Mr Bradley that he is in any danger from ill health = he has the headache bad cold and the blues a little there are some of the sick in camp that are not improving and all the sickness that is may be said to be from colds

Yours &c
C. W. Love

The name of the commander of this post = is spelled Felghman but pronounced as if written = Filman