

Camp Wharton near Green
Dec. the 11th 1862

Dear Sister

I have but little
to write to you this time though you
will hear of the battle of Oakland
in which this Br^y was the only victors
on the part of the U. S. and the Kansas
Pahawkers on the part of the U. S.

In the first place: we started on
a scout from our camp on the
Kachie River for the purpose
after a Br^y of Led^d Cavalry 3,000
and prevent them from getting possession
of a depot on the R. R. but they
their course toward Grenada still far
down the R. R. and on the South Side of the
Kachie River so it happened that they
start of us but we managed to get between
and Green, but they got to within
of it. We then turned up the country in
pursuit of them riding all the first day
through the rain but the second day was
fair and clear. We marched on
to Oakland formed a line of battle and
rested till we got some potatoes & our
havin' give out. We then marched on
our Co. and two others one from
and one from Whitfield's Reg^t.
the advance guard of about 200 y
loaded and then marched on.

Then marched 250 or 300 yds when
of our videts discovered the enemy
ing up the hill and fired on them.
Here I had better state the order of
battle Col. Mabry's Regt had been sent
to the rear of the enemy while Whitfield
and Ross were just behind the van-
guard the vanguard and Whit. Legion
dismounted and charged them before
the 6th could get up. The Lead^s give
sound and then run like turks
they did, at get off without a sound
on us. We drove them away from one
their batteries and took it they then
ated another on us and Lt Col. Griffith
ing Brigadier^s was forming us to charge
at which time he expected the 3^d to
rge on horseback in the rear but unfor-
ately Lt Col. Hawkins past us we were
d come galloping from the left and
told Col. Griffith that they were flanking
us on the left with heavy columns of
infantry. Col. G. then ordered us to
horses to ~~go~~ to retreat. We could
not bring off but one of the pieces of
artillery because part of the horses in
the other pieces were killed. The
that they were flanking us was
me and if we had known it we
d have had one of the worst
ceed among the Leads that was ever seen.

the fight we retreated 10 mi
The next morning we received
reinforcements and went back
but they had taken a scart and left
on double quick and we after ferrying
them a short distance returned to camp
to get rations for we had all ready been
out 8 days on 5 days rations.

Nothing of importance has transpired
since we came to camp. We are looking
for orders to go on another scout soon.
It is reported that Gen. Jos. E. Johnson
is in Grenada and that he is
to take command of this army.
I have not heard from Gen. Simpson
last spring I don't know
to writ to him. I have not heard
of Joe Baake but I have no doubt
he is doing well. Johnson is not well
though he is improving he has not
been very sick myself and all the
rest of the boys are in excellent health.
The health of the Brig. is very good.

Give my love to the family and relations
and to yourself a portion. Give my love
to Nannie Serena and Abellie

Direct your letters thus. S B Love
Grenada Mississippi care
of Capt Ross Co^m Regt. Texas
cavalry 1st Texas brigade army
of East Tenn.

I have not received a
from you or any one else
months except the one so
I cannot tell the reason for all
the rest of the company receive
them readily enough. The only
reason I can think of is you forget
to pay the postage. If it is not
paid I will not get them.
Write long letters and visit
and tell others of the fact
write. I have nothing to
to write ~~to~~ but remain
brother Sam.