

In camp 20 miles north of Grenada

Dear Sister & Mary the 12th 1863

I have but little of importance to write you now for there has nothing transpired in this department since I wrote my last to interest to you.

There has been some hard fighting in Tennessee between Bragg & Rosecrantz, Bragg got the best of the fight.

It is unnecessary for me to give any of the details of the fight as you will hear of it before this would reach you.

The Fed^s have retreated as far as Holly Springs about 40 miles from Green. The cause of their retreat was the destruction of their commissary stores at Holly Springs, Jackson and other places and the tearing up of the R.R. by vandom on this side and the other side of the Hatchie River.

Better it amuse as well as interest you to have seen the Ladies of Tenn. in marching through that portion of the country we had on our Trip over which they captured at R. S. and they always thought we were Fed^s until we told them better or they found out themselves for it was very hard to fool them long they would then open their doors and come out on the streets and get as close to us as they could without getting in the way of our horses and some would shout while others would laugh and told some

would run and bring every thing they had cooked for us to eat while they would put every body out the premises to cooking more.

I don't think I ever saw any people as highly elated in my life they were perfectly beside themselves with joy, but there was one drawback to the enjoyment of the soldiers, it was because we knew we could not stay there for we were not strong enough and the thought that all those pretty girls had to be left to the tender mercies of the "Reds" put a damper on our enjoyment but I hope it will not be long before we can drive the hounding hosts of the north to their homes and never be interrupted ~~again~~ ~~there~~ ~~more~~ when all can live in peace at home. I will now have to close by requesting you to send this to Father as soon as you can after you get it.

I have not hear from Cy. nor Linn in a long time write to me all you hear from them. We are all in good health and hope these few hastily written lines will find you all enjoying the same blessing.

Give my love to all the family and relations and all enquiring friends and reserve to yourself the kindest regards of your brother Sam. B. Love

Tell all the friends to write to me. If they will do it I may get a letter once and while as it is I don't get any at all while others are getting them all the time