

In camp near Tuscaloosa Ala.
April the 27th 1864

J. M. & P. A. Love

Dear father & Mother
I have commenced to write but I hardly know what to write about for there is a good deal to write about and I havent time to write as much as I would like to. We have had a row with the Col. of our regt. his name is Wharton and a lower down man it would be hard to imagine and we were determined to have nothing to do with him.

Gen. Lee & Jackson were determined to force him on us until they found that we were as determined as they were and now they are trying to get rid of him by cashiering him. After they found that force wouldnt do they issued an order disgracing the whole regt. and had it read to all the regts in the Corps but all the other Miss. regts are anxious to be with the 6th yet a while & was in the artist gallery yesterday having my likeness taken Gen. Ross & Col. Pinson of the 1st Miss. were in there for the same purpose & Gen. Ross in reply to Col. Pinson asking him if he was going to get a passough said that he would not get one but if it hadnt been for trouble in the 6th he would have got off. Col. P. told him Ross to send the

6th back with the 1st Miss. and they would take care of us and we would have no trouble. In reply Gen. Ross said that if we were back with him, we would need no one to take care of us. Signifying that we would be perfectly satisfied as we were rid of old Jack and would then be with our favorite reg^t. The 1st Miss. & I will here say that there is not as more gallant Col. in the Confederate service than Pinson or a more gallant reg^t in the C. S. A. than the 1st Miss.

In reference to the orders disgracing us I will only give one instance of the many hundreds of what the citizens in Miss. think of it.

I was taking supper with a family shortly after the occurrence. And while supper was preparing I was talking with a couple of young ladies & members of the family that I formed the acquaintance of about the order & they told me that we need not be uneasy about that for every one thought we had done right. And shortly after an order was read to us from Gen. Jackson complimenting us very high but he thought he was going to have some fighting.

There is one thing that you ~~are~~ may not be aware of that will be a little gratifying to Texas citizens. It is that this is the most distinguished Cavalry brigade on this side of the Miss. river & I don't suppose that any on that side would claim equality.

This will appear egotistical but it is not written in that spirit.

The yankees & negros have a perfect honor for us the negros especially for we have killed about 400 of them in the last 3 months. besides we have killed since the Moscow fight, that fight included about 300 yankees and captured about 200.

They are talking about farloughing this brig. by negrs. & Genl Lee has written to Genl Polk to know if he must commence now. The 3rd will be farloughed first & the 6th next. If they commence soon you may look for the 6th about Aug. or Sept. & me with it if nothing happens to me between now & then. We are all in fine health. Pete has returned from the Mississippi. I had like to have forgot to tell you of the attempt to murder Dr. Yolicoffen mad by a disenter. The Dr. was called to his gallery late at night - and shot in the stomach about 4 weeks since and the last time I heard from him it was not known whether he would get well or not. The Dr. had the day before told a man that he had no corn for disenter and it is believed that he done it. I will have to close. I send you my likeness John is not here to have his taken or I would send his with mine. He is with Lt. Col. Pete Ross in Walker's co after

disasters. Give my Love to all the family
& relations & all enquiring friends.

With these I am with bilial regards yours
Son Sam.

PS Tell Maj. Boyd that pete is not here
or he would write" but he is well