

Camp Acorn Hopkinsville Ky.
Decr. 8th A.D. 1861

Pa. M + J. A. Loves!

Dear parents:

This leaves myself in good health I W. Love is getting better of his complaint (Neuralgia) Robt. High has Measles Uncle Andrew and young Army are as far as I can learn doing well - there are a great many of the Regiment sick of Measles Mumps or Pneumonia there are but few cases of Pneumonia but the Measles are of the worst kind - five of the Freestone Co Company have died in about a week Mr Murray, Strain David Blough and Stewart = before this reaches you Lincoln's Message will possibly have reached you in which you will see that he calls for 700,000 more troops and \$700,000,000. more of money and recommends the organization of the Northern Militia - We have the report here that Price, Reins, and McCulloch are concentrating their forces toward St. Louis and it is reported that the Federal forces have left Paduca and Cairo to go to the defence of St. Louis they are represented as being very much afraid that St. Louis will be taken.

We have now and then a little excitement
in camp - There was a report a day or two back
that a strong Federal force the first report was
that 8000 of them were near Russellville the next report
a short time after was 3000 but it finally proved to be
some 200 of our own forces who had been in
pursuit of some 30 or 40 Kentucky Tories who had
undertaken to burn the Rail Road bridge between
Russellville and Clarksville the Road leads
Northward toward Bowling Green and Southward to
Nashville the Roads from the other Southern
States are so connected at the latter place as
to afford great facilities for getting troops to
Bowling Green where it is thought they intend
making an attack soon - I am of the
opinion now that things will soon come to
a head in this State and many who declare
themselves to be Unionists will have to get
away from this region or take a different course
from that which they are now pursuing they
boast of their sentiments - A fellow by the name
of Jackson left this place and went to the Northern
Government became Commander of a Regiment

and says he intends to winter here - Some of the women here say they will buy no goods until Jackson gets possession of the place. A good many of the Unionists here are Negro owners. Lincoln's Congress have possibly by this time passed an act by which they intend to set all Negroes free and afterward to remunerate Unionists for the losses they may sustain but the character of the expressions by which they signify their intention to pay the Unionists what they may lose leads me to believe that they do not include the price of Negroes in the payments this I suppose from the Lincoln Government. Considering the Negro owner a Unionist from interest only while his true sentiments are with the South it will be the best thing that can be for Kentucky for the Northern Government to pass a law to free the Negro every where in the South it will show to Ky that the other S. States have been right in considering this the great and only object of Abolitionism although they have protested that keeping the Union together - the Stars and Stripes was what they sought.

We have preaching here twice every
Sabbath and pretty good sermons
each time preaching is going
on at this time in about fifty yards
I understand from Kentuckians
that this has been a remarkably good
winter up to this time - Our mess
made up of Mr G. J. Bradley as the head
Capt Leroy and Marcellus Moody, Wm.
Karris John Womack myself - and
when they are here Col Gregg and
Dr Alston are in tolerable health
Burgess Modrell is doing very well
I think something important will
take place soon if so I will write
to you - I have had but one
letter from any of you that
was from Terissa

Yours paternally &c
C W Love