

Madison Station Miss.

Jan'y The 13th 1864

Miss Jean, Love

Dear Sister

For the first time in about three months I attempt to write you a few lines; but I don't know whether I will get through consistent or not for my pen is so bad.

There is but little news of importance = We have had several fights since I wrote to you last & one tolerably hard fight at Moscow on the Memphis & Charleston R.R. it lasted about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour we killed & captured about 150 men and 200 horses. We were fighting on the bank of Wolf river = we came very near capturing their battery = we lost 29 killed & wounded & being killed. The 1st Miss and 6th Tex fought the 6th, 7th, & 9th & ~~2nd~~ ^{2nd} Iowa and a section of a battery 12 guns = we whipped them quick & fast the 6th Tex, & the 6th & 9th Ill.

and the and the 1st Miss and the 7th Ill
to 2 Iowa run together = We captured
all the horses of the 6th & 7th Ill., though
we didnt get them all off = I didnt get
a horse though I might have had ~~some~~
frick and chois for i was the first
man that got among them though
it is my misfortune never to get
any thing that way for instead of get-
ting horses or other property I always
continue to fight untill it is too late
to get any thing = When I first run on
the end of the bridge the Yanks. were
just leaving the other end and were ~~seen~~
Screening themselves from the fire
of the main position of the Regt. behind
a levee that was thrown up for the
road = when I got on the end of the
bridge I fired on them about 20 paces
and then run under the bridge to
reload and there were three Yanks
there = they surrendered to me and give
me 2 Six Shooters and as soon as I got
my gun loaded I leveled it on another
and he threw up his hands and told

me not to shoot that he would surrender
I then told him to come to me = And
directly afterwards the command was given
to fall back and I instead of bringing out
a horse brought the 7 prisoners & they came
very near getting me twice as I came out
for just as we started they opened on us
with grape canister or shell & minnie ball
and the prisoners begged me to let them
stop behind trees but I made them keep on
until I got so tired that I had to stop
myself = they fell down behind logs & I jam-
med behind a large poplar tree & I had not more
than got behind it before a shell struck the
ground about 2 feet from me & covered me
nearly up in dirt = I thought that a piece
of the shell had hit me at first; but
fortunately it did not burst = if it had
burst it would have killed me outright.
~~They~~ I came out all right prisoners &
all. I give one of the six shooters to Joe J...
and the other to John Joe lost his.

I.e. I got a frop a few days before
Christmas and went to Dr G. Golicoffers
and stayed there until after new year =

I spent the time very pleasantly and formed the acquaintance of a number of young Ladies & several young gentlemen.

Though I met with the misfortune to loose two of my blankets & a negro I think must have hit my horse with a rock or stick and fractured his skull, so that I had to leave him the next day after I left Co. G. he may recover though I think it doubtful.

Tell Cousin Fannie that all of her relatives are well & that the property of her Father has been divided & that Charles & Susana I believe fell to her - there will also be some money coming to her though I dont know how much.

Hea I hear a great deal about Hea and the soldiers that have been back there, are very much dissatisfied with the conduct of the citizens of the state generally and although I attribute a great deal of it to the soldiers being disappointed in their expectations there must be some fault with all the citizens. They say that the citizens have lost their patriotism.