

Louisville Ky
April 15th 1863.

Dear Mother

This morning while I have an opportunity I will address you a few lines to inform you that I have arrived safe at Louisville and had quite a pleasant trip though it was very tiresome to me it is 185 miles from Nashville here and it takes the cars about 10 hours to make the trip through, we apprehended an attack yesterday on the train as we had received intelligence that a band of guerrillas were prowling around Franklin Ky.. near the Tenn. line but the confederates did not show themselves I have not heard a word of our Regt, since it got

Aboard the transports at
Nashville I suppose it is some
where along the Cumberland River.
I have not heard from you for some time
nor from any one as the letters would
follow the regt.

Tell Mother I think there will
be no chance for me to get home at all.
and I thought if you wanted to see me
you would have to come to me as I can
not go to you, now you need not come
without you feel like it for I am getting along
fine and will be well in a week or two
I do not know as I ever will be this
near home again during the ^{war} I dont think
that I will stay here over 10 days then I will
start for my Regt., If you take a notion to
come you can fetch me 1 pr. of Drawers 1 or 2
of any old white shirts (fine) 1. or 2 check shirts
1 pr. of socks, and my cloth coat

Tell father that I would like to see

him but is the busy part of the
Gear and will not look for him tell
Melisse if she has nothing else to do
to jump aboard and come along
and every body else that sees cause
to come or wants to take a jaunt,
Well as it is nearly dinner time I will
close I expect to go and see Aunt Jane this
evening. If you should come to see me
come right away I am at Parrieks
No. 1, (One) on Maine Street between
7th and 8th Street you had better draw
this off on a piece of paper and then you
will have no trouble I may move from here but
they will know here where I am, of course
you will go to see Aunt while you are here

I do more at present. Yours
with respect, H. Weaver
Gow Row,

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Cattaraugus Senessee
May 16, 1864

Dear Mother

I received your letter of the 11th I now hasten to reply. Your letter came through in five days this is quick time. I am very well and enjoying myself amazingly well. I look much better than I did when I was at home. I have been so long in the tent - that I have bleached white. My cheeks are now and my countenance wears the bloom of health you never saw me look better. Though I have had two short sick spells since I left home but they hardly lasted more than two fortnights each, and have had a salutary effect upon my system, renovating and removing the Hoosier Ague and Fever.

The weather here has been very changeable we have had some very warm weather and some very cold weather at present it is exceedingly warm, the heat is rather oppressive and the shade feels quite pleasant but it is not like it is in Ind the sun may shine out warm enough to roast an egg but generally a pleasant breeze is blowing.

The health of the Camp is only tolerable the boys from our neighborhood are all well with the exception of Danner he is very poorly and not able to do any

July - on his return to the Regt his health improved
but - he took a relapse and is not doing so well,
I still feel in hopes that - he will get - entirely well
this summer

I was sorry to hear of the backwardness of the Spring in
Ind., owing to the scarcity of provender to subsist - the
ditch and early Spring was more desirable than usual.
if the crops are bad as they were last year the effect
will be deeply felt - and the necessary of life will
hardly be attainable especially if our army will
have to be maintained for another year.

I was down in the city this morning and got the
latest news which is of the most flattering character
and it appears that - the Army of the East is accomplishing
all that the most sanguine could desire - every thing appears
to be in our favor. I feel to rejoice and thank God
that this is true, every day I grow stronger in the belief
that this is the last year of the war and entertain
the strongest hopes of being at home before next Spring
The Rebels have evacuated Dalton and are retreating
towards Rome Georgia. I do not think that our forces will
be able to give them battle until they reach the place
mentioned. We know but very little what is going on
around us here and what we do know we read in
the Cincinnati or Louisville papers, they have muzzled
the mouth of our little City Gazette of this place
and it cant speak above a whisper and the
whispers are not audible.

In reference to the work before us is progressing pretty well but the task before us is so Herculean like, that the labor of five or six hundred men make but little show in so few days, however this work is one of lasting duration and is intended to be a monument that time immemorial will not obliterate. We are doing work (or the boys are) here that will be beheld, by many generations that are yet unborn, and the people of this mighty nation of ours will come from the most remote places to gaze upon the Cemetery of Chattanooga where sleeps the immortal dead of two fierce and desperate struggles. Fathers and Mothers Sisters and Brothers of those Slumbers will come to see the renowned place in which they are laid and get weep over their graves. It is going to be a beautiful place and will require much labor to complete it.

Further I left my Shovel at Norton, Greens Store that Over coat was taken to Jacksonville by Kelly and he wore it away with him and that was the last of it.

That miniature gun spoke of was left there through carelessness you did not tell whether it was taken to her or put away I am sorry that I left it there. I hope it will be returned to her some time.

I am going to have some Photographs taken some of those days I will then send you one. I have not received a letter from Bill

Get - She is not very particular about writ.
I suppose, Mother you must not get jealous
of my writing to the girls for I write as often home
or oftener than to any one else,

Tell Father I expect to get payed in a few days
and I will send him One hundred Dollars
Give my respects to the Children and tell them
I want them to study and be good children and
when I come home I will bring them some nice books

My regards to all the friends and neighbors I
will send some more books home in a few days
I have got a pretty good supply on hand and
I spend much of my time in useful study and
I am learning very fast, I expect to start on
Clap of Grammar and Arithmetic in the Comp
if we can get the books Several of the boys are anxious
to take up those Studies and spend their idle time
that way I am offering the boys encouragement - to learn
to read, write cipher and improve themselves on all
occasions to dispense of cards and all chance
games and substitute this in their stead,

There has been a great revival in the Army here
at Tunnel Hill a few Sundays ago there was 35
baptized out of one brigade and about the same number
for several Sundays previous, this is a general thing throughout
this Army not only in one brigade thousands and
thousands in the last few months have obeyed the
Gospel and become followers of our Lord, thus much
good has been accomplished by our Christian exertions
No more write soon A. McEwen