

Camp Near Richmond, Ky. August 27<sup>th</sup>/62

Miss. Mollie Rooker.

Dear Friend.

I take the privilage  
of writing you a few lines  
to inform you how I am  
prospering in my new trade  
so far away from home.

we have experienced some of  
the hardships of a Soldiers  
life allready. we had to march  
27 miles in one day from Lexington  
to Richmond several of the boys  
gave out I among the rest.

Amos Carter Lip Hiner & myself  
were left about 10 miles behind.  
we stayed all night at an old  
Sesshes house and started to  
Richmond the next evening  
when we had got within some 3 miles

of town —  
some desech Cavely thought  
to take us prisoners & would  
have don it if our Cavely  
had not come in along and  
routed them. we had to leave all  
our tents & knapsacks at Lexington  
we sleep out in the open air it is  
not very pleasant but it is the  
best we can do now.

The boys are pretty well satisfied  
I think I would like to be  
at old mooreville the best  
in the world and see all  
the ladies but I think it  
will be some time before we  
will get back if ever.

I would like to know if you  
have any high school or not  
and if you have any good  
times like we used to.

Excuse my bad writing and uninteresting  
letter for we have not got a very good  
chance to write.

Give my best respects to  
all my inquiring school  
mates and friends

Please write soon.  
Direct your letters to  
12<sup>th</sup> Reg ind Volunteers  
Richmond Kentucky  
Company E Cap S. M. Rooker.

Yours truly John Miller.

to Miss Maria Roster  
Mansfield  
Ind.

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