

Murphysboro Tenn. April the 3rd 1863

Dear wife I have again reached my wife to write you a few words to let you know how I am I have got the headache and a very sore mouth other ways I am well

I received a letter a day or two ago and have not had time to answer it until the present time I am sorry that I could not answer it sooner but again I received it I was on guard at General McCooks head quarters we have to ~~go out~~ our ~~guns~~ to keep the ~~the~~ trigger wrenches, and as soon as I got away from there we had to go on picket 24 hours and that is the reason that neglected you as long as I have

I have been looking for another letter with the all night but have not seen it yet but think it will come tomorrow, we are still camped at Murphysboro are likely to remain there for a while I think that old Bragg will try to take Murphysboro again but I don't think he will get in a trap for I don't think that all the southern confederates could take it now, we want to fight him here if we have to fight him at all

The Army of the Cumberland is
in better condition than it has been
since I have been in the service and we
think that we can go where we please if
Old Rary leads the way
The boys has the greatest confidence in
Old Rarscraigs

Well father I will quit talking about
war for the present and talk about some
thing else if I can think of any
thing to write

I could talk to you for a whole day if
I was at home and was not get tired
but I hope that the time is not
far distant when we will get home
when wars will cease and peace reign all
over this land, I would be glad to be at
home but I will try and be content to
stay till fall and I think by that
time the thing will be brought to focus

J. D. Clark got to the regiment March
the 27th but the things that you sent
has not come yet he had them express
at Columbus for he could not take
them with him I think that they
will come yet I would be glad to get
them for we have to pay 3 times the worth
of every thing we buy

Murfreesboro Tenn. April the 2nd 1863

Dear wife, I have again seated myself to write you a few words to let you know how I am. I have got the headache and a vary sore mouth. other ways I am well. I received a letter a day or two ago and have not had time to answer it untill the present time. I am sorry that I could not answer it sooner but when I received it I was on gard at General McCooks headquarters. we have to get our generals to keep them after the nigger wenches, and as soon as I got away from there we had to go on picket 24 hours and that is the reason that neglected you as long as I have.

I have been looking for another letter with all my might but have not seen it yet, but think it will come tomorrow. we are still camped at Murfreesboro and likly to remain thare for a while. I think that old-----will try to take Murfreesboro again but if he does he get in a trap for I dont think that all the southern confediacy could take it now. we want to fight him here if we have to fight him at all.

The Army of the Cumberlon is in better condition than it has been since I have been in the service, and we think that we can go where we pleas if Old Rosy leeds the way. the boys has the gratest confidence in Old Rosecrans.

Well Esther I will quit talking about war for the present and talk about something else if I can think think of any thing to write. I could talk to you for a hole day if I was at home and not get tired, but I hope that the time is not far distant when we will get home when wars will sees and peace ranes over this land. I would be glad to be at home but I will try and be content to stay till fall and I think by that time the thing will be brought to focus.

T. O. Clark got to the regiment March the 27th but the things that you sent has not come yet. he had them expressed at Columbus for he could not take them with him. I think that they will come yet. I would be glad to get them for we have to pay 9 times the worth of every thing we buy.