

HeadQt 3rd Brigade
2nd Division 20th Army Corps
Dept of the Cumberland
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My Dear

Mother

Not resieving any letter from you for some time I will write again I will begin by telling you of my promotion I resieved my commission as Captain on the 29 of May but they will not muster me in untill the mustering officer hears frome Washington as their is some difficulty about a General order about mustering in officers that have not got the minimum number of enlisted men in their Companys I believe I will be assigned to Company H Lawton old company frome Piqua Same Davis is the same fix as he is also got a commission as Captain their is no news hear axcepting a skirmish once as while I have not been very well for two or three weeks but ame better not The camp we are in has become filthy frome beaing in use so long but the men are well the Army is a better condition than I ever saw it before and I think we will move soon I heard frome Ed Moody that John had going church last Sunday all of witch I was verry glad to hear I was over to Frank Jones he was expecting his Brother Will on the trane from Nashville I saw a man hung hear yesterday he was a artilleryman he was concerned in killing and man in this state for his money he stood up bravely when the rope was put around his neck they have got too more in Nashville who will be hung for the same offense when the drop fell the Soldiers amused themselves by saying bully for you and hears your Mule The 93rd OVI is beaing payed off to Day I think we will payed in the morning is so I will send you some money by the first oppertunity I have not heard from Robert since the battle of Fredericksburg I wonder why he don't write I ame still at Brigade HeadQuarters yet I will have to leave as soon as I am mustered in Sirvis as Capt Direct you letters hear till You hear hear frome me next as we go on picket in the morning and I have to jet ut early I must close Give my love to all the Shildren and cousin Mary Hibbon

Your most affectionate
Son W.L.Patterson

To Mrs. Julia Patterson
Dayton
Ohio