

Head Qtrs 3rd Brigade
2nd Division 20th A.C.
Tullahoma July 6th 1863

My Dear Mother

We are now at this place The 2nd Division is hear doing garrison duty the mane army has gon on and at the last accounts wer in the mountains Fightings Bragg rear guard we have taken about 1000 prisensors and six hundred wagons and all their camp and garrison equipage if the roads would have been good we Rosencrans would have captured their Whole Army hear It just poured down rane from the time we left Murfriesboro untill yesterday The roads are so bad that we have to put twelve and foreteen mules on wagon General Stanley made a dash on Shellbyville with his cavelry and captures six hundred prisensors and a batter[y] of artillery killing wounding three hundred more the 7th Pancil [Penna] Cavalry made a charge with the saber the slaughter was awfull and completely routing the whole Rebel force It was alltogather one of the most brilliant Cavelry fights since the war broke out The Tennessee are hartly [heartily] disgusted with the w_____ and want to go home and a grate _____ number are cumingin in evry day our cavelry are picking them up evry allmost evry hour if the news be true frome the East and the butternuts let us a lone the war will be over by fall I Still hold my commission as Capatin yet but they will not muster me in I think they will in a few dayes we have not been payed off yet the goverment owes me now six month pay and rather short I would like to have some money and I think it bee a long time be fore we will bee payed Tullahoma is a small tow[n] stuated [situated] on table land about thirty miles frome Murfriesboro and sixty frome Nashvill[e] The boyes all want to jet to Cowans Station to spend the summer it is only sixteen miles frome hear the wather hear is verry bad and the men are jetting sick we camped on ground that the Rebels wer camped on witch makes it still worse The Rebs are the dirtiest set of humain beaings I ever saw as the male is closing must stop give my love to all

Your most affectionate son

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