

Sept 6th 1863

...the farme Not having an oportunity untill to day I have reopened it we are now about forty miles from Stephenson and the south side of the Tennissee River I think we will go to Rome Georgy from hear we are now on lookout mountain this is the worst country we have ever been in the road is up mountains and down mountains we have to move verry slow we have to but [put] eight and twelve muels to a wagon and fifteen and twenty horses to an artillery carridge to get over my Second Lieutenant McCrackan was in Dayton on the twentninth of August on his way to Collumbus to recruit for the regiment I have been verry well so far on this martch my feete got verry soar not beaing uste [used] to walking but I have got over that now their is now enmy nearer than Chattanooga and mountains are full of deserters from the Rebel Army

The mailboy is waiting

Good By

Your most affec

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