

Camp 1st Regiment OVI Near
Chattanooga Dec 8th 1863

My Dear Mother

I Resieved your kind letter of Nov 29 I was glad you have resieved the order for my money I thought I had toled in som my letters that I had resieved my pants from Lieut Brown of the 93rd OVI They came about a weeke ago also my Blouse and mittens Andy Burt Brought thes[e] I saw Andy to day he sayed that their was a cavelry force going out soon to the Battleground at Chickamaage and he would jet papers for us so that we could jet Will Jones Body if we jet to think it had better be buried it hear for the present at least untill we can hear from cincinnati Andy Burt James Reynold and myself have troubled Gen Thomas a great deal about a pass to Chickmauga that he has got tirmed he toled us to have patience that evry thing would com right so we will have to wait I have sent about som clothing you three or fore letters a bout sending them for fear they will not jet to you I will give you a list of what I want hear I would like to have som under clothing a pare of under shirts of dark color two pares of drawers also dark and som socks and two pares of buckskin gloves som hankerchiefs silk and a pare of Boots Douglas has my mesure if he has not lost it I want a martching Boot this can all be sent by mail by doing them up so as not to way over three pounds and I want a vest you need not send them all by the same mail if you do not jet the same day send the clothing and send the Boots I think they will com thru as their is a great many comming evry day I can hear nothing from my Regiment they are Knoxville but wheather they are going on or not I cant hear my health is improving slowley I think I will be able to march in few dayes their is a rumor that our corps is going to Army of Potomack I hope it is not so as I donot want to go their and march up the hill and then march down again I resieved a letter from John yesterday he sayes he is well and going to have a big Dinner on thanxgiving day my Dinner on that day was one hard cracker a cup of coffee and a little pice of rusty bacon about as big an [as] my finger but Mr. John or any [of] the rest didnot enjoy their dinner any mor than I did for it was the first bite since the day befor at dinnertime it was a hard fight my little Company when we started in Numbered 21 muskets we com out with twelve one was killed onewas had his arme amputated and on[e] lost two fingers of his left hand and one lost one finger on the left hand the rest are slite you may know by our losses that we did som fighting and to crown all some reporter sayes that som Indiana regiments Flagg was on missionary Ridge first when it was the 5th Ky and our old flagg that waved first that day on missionary I have not heard form Robert for som time he thinks that I have gon with the Regiment and doze not com round when he comes to Chattanooga if he comes atall he looked well when I last saw him and I think reformed a great deal from his old habbits Their is som few people hear from the North they jet hear thru the sannitary commission if Stephen can jet withe them he can jet threw has it is jetting late I must Close Give my love to all the children

Your most affectionate son

W. L. Patterson

To Mrs Julia J. Patterson Dayton Ohio