

Nashville Tenn
August 7st 1864

My Dear Mother

As their is nothing doing to day I thought I would give you a little news I am now on a General Court Martial sitting at this place I am jetting better every day but still do not feel well enough to go to my Regimant witch is at Chattanooga Tenn they have ben relieved from duty in the front and ordered their to be mustered out of service In accordance with General Orders from the War Department at Washington we will not mustered out of service as a Regiment but by Companyes and as my Company was the last to be mustered it will be the last to go out in this case you nead not expect me untill the seventh (7) of October OConnell led my old Company will be at home on the (17) of this month I resieved a letter from Steve the other day proposing an investment for my loose money I do not know what to say about it I do not know what I will do when I jet home I may stay their or I may go away if the latter I will want to use my money if I conclud to stay their will be plen(t)y of time next winter and spring to see what we can do with the old saw mill and I think I know more about machinary than any one else in the famley anyway I have not hea(r)d from Robert since the last fight but think he is not wounded for we jet a list of the killed and wounded hear evry day and his name is not among them yet I suppose they will put me on som lite duty with my company for the short time we have to stay two companys D and E are on the road home Co D is from Lancaster and Co E from Miamisburg They are going home not as strong as when they martched away from Dayton many a poor fellow has bit the dust in the last three years but their is one consilation We have made as many of them go the same j(o)urney our old Lieut Colonel Langdon is now with the Regiment he has got entirely well of his wound I think I will leave Nashville this weeke for my company but direct your letters in the care of Gaites and Gamble Cherry St Nashvill Tenn

Give my love to all

Your most affectioante Son

W.L. Patterson
Capt. Co. H. 1st OVI