

West Point, Kentucky December 1

Dear Father And Mother

I received a letter from you Friday and was glad to hear from home once more, and to hear that you were all well. I was very glad of the postage stamps that you sent me for I was out and could not get them here very well. I enjoy pretty good health and feel first rate. The boys are all feeling good except those that are in the Hospital. There is not quite as many Sick as there was two weeks ago. They are getting over the measles and when they are well there will be but little Sickness. Henry Redner was taken to the hospital yesterday. He has been sick about 5 weeks and is pretty hard up, though I think he will get along now after a little. He is a first rate boy, but is one that can never be a good soldier for this reason. He is one that is never contented and is allways homesick. The weather here has been very nasty and rainy for the last ten days. A week ago last friday morning it commenced raining and at noon it commenced blowing and blowed a perfect gale it tore our tent down twice so that we had to take every thing that we had out until we could sow and ty it up again. Friday night it commenced Snowing and it Snowed about an inch deep and yesterday before night it was all gone, today it is quite warm and would be very pleasant if it wasent so muddy. Yesterday there was a grand review of the Regiment but as there was nothing of any importance happened I will not dwell upon the subject, Here I am interuped by the call for dress parade. The parade ground is upon a hill about a quarter of a mile west of us. Major Hopkins of the Fusileers Regiment came into our camp about eight o'clock last night and staid with Captain Deland until two this afternoon when he returned to Louisville. He came here to receive orders from General Buel who makes his head quarters at Louisville. There is some talk that we shall move in a week or to. But I think we shall stay here some time, though I should like to go about two hundred miles farther south. If we stay here this winter we shall build some log houses to quarter in, There is about fifty acres of timber slashed down and there is about 50 acres more to cut. We have good water but it is a great deal of trouble to get it up the hill, the water comes from springs in a deep ravine to the south of us.

A word about our arms. The first that we were old belgian muskets, they were examined and condemed. then we got some new gunns of the same kind and they prove to be a very poor gun, in a day or two we receive the musket, we made a fire place in our tent today. But we sleep warm every night since we received our new blankets. Anson and Horace have writen some to you and send it with this. I will send you some verses that an old woman got up that bakes corn bread for the soldiers. But I must close this letter, Yours Truly  
From an honest Boy                      John C Love

P.S. Write soon and let me know if you got the money that I sent to Cooper and Thompsons Bank. Tell the folks to write and give my love to all enquiring friends.

I did draw the map that I sent you                      J. C. Love