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West Point Kentucky Nov. 1 '61

Dear Parents

It has been some time since I have written to you. I have had no time to write much -- This afternoon it is raining for the first since we have been here, The weather has been remarkably fine and warm since we have been in Kentucky. We left Jeffersonville on the 21st for west point which is forty miles down the river Ohio. We embarked on bord of a large river boat such as I never saw before It has two decks, and the water wheel is on the hind end of the boat. The boat left the landing at nine in the morning and went down the river at a rapid rate until we arrived at Louisville here we made a halt for the band to play-- leaving Louisville we had to go through the ship canal which is about four miles long. Upon the Kentucky side it is generally level, But upon the Indiana side it is one of the wildest countries that I ever saw. The hills are allmost like mountains they are so steep and high. The sides of some of them are white with limestone. We are encamped in an orchard that belongs to a man in the secession army. It is upon the bank of Salt river and about half a mile from the Ohio. There is one regiment from Indiana here and Kellogs cavelry is on its way to join us. General Buckner is within forty miles from us with fifty thousand troops though we doe not expect and atack. We have taken six spies and got them in the gard house. Forty of Company I's men went down the river last night - they returned this mornning bringing with them two secessionist wone of which has been in the rebel army. The soil of Kentucky is clay. I have not seen sand enough since I arrived here to fill a pint cup. I have got pretty much over my cold and I feel better than I did when I left Fort Wayne. Anson is sick with the feaver though I think he will get along in a few days. Henry Redner is sick the Doctor says he has got the measles, he is pretty sick. Miron Wade has been sick but he is getting quite smart again. But I must close I will write to you again as soon as I can.

From your only son

John C Love

P.S. Direct your letters to John C Love 9th Michigan Infantry
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J. C. Love

John C. Love

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Sept 6, 1861 at Jackson, Mich for
3 yrs - age 21.

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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