

West Point, Kentucky, Nov. 7th 1861

Dear Parents.

It is with pleasure that I drop you a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and well and hope these few lines will find you enjoying the same. I had hoped of receiving a letter from you ere this or some of them that I have written to. But it takes some time to send a letter home and get an answer way down in this unsivalised country. Kentucky and its inhabitance are fifty years behind the age. They are the most ignorant and inferior people that I ever saw so far as my observation has extended. Today it is as warm as it is in Michigan in september. We have had but one rainy day since we have been here. There is two hundred men from our regiment and two hundred from the Indiana regiment to work upon Mistletoe Hill, they are throwing up breast works. They are fortifying it as fast as possible to be in readiness for General Buckner Swares that he will take Dinner in Louisville in less than four weeks. He is down the river about forty miles from us and he has but two ways to get to Louisville, one is up the river past us and the other is on the South of us about sixty miles. We have six cannon with us which will be placed upon the hill as soon as possible. Then we shall have a commanding range of the ohio of four miles and all the roads this side of the hill. Anson has been sick about a week but is a grate deal better today. Henry Redner has been sick with the fever, he is not so well today though I think he will get along after a little. There would be but few sick if we had good water to drink, we use river water to drink and for cooking. Sam Grham is the cook for the company and is a good one. We have hurd that Charleston and Fort Sumpter has been taken, but doe not know for surtain whether it has or not.

I wish that you could send me the tribune after you have done reading it, you can put a rapper around it. It will cost you but a penny a paper and it would doe me a grate deal of good. I have hurd since I commenced writing that we shall move acrost the river tomorow or next day.

I want you to write as soon as you receive this. And tell the folks to write to me if they think any thing of me, they have more time to write than I have, Good by for this time. From your obedient Son.

John. C. Love

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