

Houston Sept 29 1861  
Friend Ned

I am well at this time and in good spearets

I have had a bad thumb

This is the first writing that I have been able to do

We take up the line of march in the morning

we have 95 men in our compety

all with a fiew exceptions jentlem

there is great excitement in galveston

some of our boyes went down day before yesterday and  
returned yesterday

they say that there is expectee tite times in that place

2 volontears of that place deserted yesterday and started

out to the blockade in a little sailboat and were soon

over taken and brought back and I recond are houg by this  
time

there is now other vessal at galveston but the one that

has been there all the while but they are expecting

linkonits to por in by thousands every hour

I didnt think that I would write to you till I got to

Neworleans but I thought I woul drop you these fiew lines

to let you know that I had not forgot you

when I got to string parare Capt King had 40 men on the

acon of Colo Carters redgement being broke up

Concequencely we joined Capt Harriss compeny of Waco

We got first lentuunant 1 orderly and first corple in the

compeny King is lieu Freeman ordly + myself corple

Ned excuse my writing and spelling

my thumb is so that I hardly can write

N B we belong to Colonel Lubbu + Teres regement Texas

rangers

Ned I have nothing more of importance to write you

I am shaim of what I have writen

I will write to you agane at Newore if I have time

All the boyes that you knqw are all well and in fine  
spirets

In the morning we bid fare well to Texas

Ned remember me if I never see you a gane

I shall all ways thank that you were my friend

give my Dear Ann all the consolation you can and keep  
her from geting down spireted

yours untill death

tell Houston Harrson Jack and all of my friends that

I am right on the goos

E H Ross

Lake Charles Lousana Oc 6 1861  
Dear Wife

I am 6 dayes travel from houston

I traveled 85 miles by railrode to Burmont

there we took water on a boat

we traveled 85 miles to Niblens bluf and there we took  
foot pashedg

we have travled 4 dayes and have travled 50 miles  
today is sonday

last night we had a hevey rain

today the teams are boging every 50 yds

the teams are getting very mutch weaired

the oficer of the compenyes talk if he cant do now better  
that he will leave the wagon and pack the mules threw

there is a great deal of sickness in our compeneys

some little complaint among some of the boyes that left  
with us but nothing serious

I am harty and well and has been all the while fore which  
I am humuly thankful to god

there are 285 men in our compeneys

the last devision of the Lubbock + Teares redgement

we have 100 miles to go a foot and then we are don walken

I will write to you in Neworleans if not sooner

I will write to you every chance

I am in good spirets and am getting a long in the compeney  
fine

I have as many friends as any body

there is but one thing that trulbles me and that is leaveing  
you and the children

if I could see you and the children this morning how  
happy I would be  
well I must bring my letter to a close  
my company is leaving me  
be of good cheer and pray for me  
I shall never forget you and the children  
when I write again I will give all the particulars  
of my travels  
give my respects to all my friends  
yours until death

E H Ross

Neworleans Oct 13 1861

Friend Ned Dear Sir

I seat my self down to drop you a fiew lins to let you know how I am something of my travels we landed her from houston in 15 dayes from houston we landed at Nibblen bluff in 2 dayes there we twok it a foot 125 miles the 8 day at night I was taken ver sick vomiting and ruing of of th bowles the next day they wanted me to ride in the sick wagon but I sesested and walked on 2 dayes jorney and thought I was getting well the second day in the eaveing I taken a very hard chill and high fevor it is useless for me to try to tell you how mutch I have suffered for 3 dayes I had what the doctor called the pluriser but to day thank god I am able to get a bout and am clear of all deseas but I have the sworest mouth and nowes of any pore felow you ever say our route that we traveled a foot was just as bad as you can amagein it was a low flat marshey conterye it raned 4 or 5 dayes on us while in there we had 8 wagons fore 3 compeney 6 wagons to hall the bagedg 2 to hall the sick the boyes that left our neighborhood are all well except Bob McCann

the wagon caught his leg between the wheel and body and  
broused it very bad but not serious  
I hope we expect to leave Neworleans this eaving  
our destination Lousivill Kanetucky  
all the eyes of excitement is turned there  
some or some of th boyes are glad some are not pleased  
but it all amounts to the same we belong to the southern  
confedracy now  
there was a little fight tuck place on the 12 inst between  
the great boat that you have heard so mutch a bout that  
was bilt hearin Neworleans  
it is known hear as the turtle  
she run afowl of the blockadeing squadiron last saturday  
for hear first attempted  
the first pass she made was to run right strate in to one  
of the vessals about 20 feet and sank hear and all abored  
except those that ware accidently picked up  
she then tuck a small prise and some thing got the matter  
with hear runing gears and had to return to Neworln  
I recon she is th master vesel in th world  
I saw hear myself at a distant and all the descripthat I  
can give you of hear is that she is just in the shape of  
a tirtle back  
I could sea some bruises that they made on hear in the  
fight  
she was tryed with with the best guns that old lincon had  
Well Ned I have given you all th news that I have  
I would be glad to see you and Miss Graham and all the

children

I want you to show this letter to Houston and tell him  
that I will write to him the first opportunity  
give him my love and respects

Ned remember the promise that you made me  
the next letter that I write to you I will be able to let  
you know where to write to me  
give my love to all inquiring friends and receive a  
double portion to your self  
yours until death

E H Ross

Enclosed in letter Oct 13 1861  
to friend Ned

Dear Ann

I am well this morning all but a sore mouth and nose  
I have written to you this is the 3 time since I left  
the first in closed my likeness which doubt you have got  
before this time

I am in as good spirets as could bee expected haveing  
been sick and am sofering som with my mouth yet I hope  
when you get these lines that they may find you and the  
children all well and in fine spirets

Ann how glad I wou bee to see you and the children

I have plenty of aples oranges and every els that a man  
can find the money to pay fore

I never eat anything of this knid but what I think of  
you an the children

tell Father and Mother that I have not forgot them yet  
but the reson that I have not written to them was that  
you are so close that I thought one would surfise all  
tell all my friends that I have as yet had but little  
chance of writing yet

we have since we left Houston have been nearly all the  
time on a forse march

we will only stay in Houston one day and 2 nights

my dearests Ann remember me at a throen of **B**race

I sees not to pray for you

Sarah Jane bee a good girl mind what your maw tell you

David Allen bee a good little boy tell no stories mind  
you maw

William Carell bee a good little boy untill paw comes  
mind your maw my son

I will write to you a gane soon

I can let you know then where I will be station an wil  
rendevous at Nashvill Tennysee

so I will bring my letter to a close so fair you well  
fore a while

I remain your husban and undying friend untill death  
shall seperate us

E H Ross

N B you can write to me anytime by sending your letters thus  
Houston Texas Harrison Company Terry regment in care of  
E H Cushon (I have just learned this)

Dear Sir I am well this morning all but  
last month and hope I shall write to you  
by the 1st time I get the first  
message my business is not doing  
well get better this time I am very good  
thats as the world is so far away  
and am looking down with my hand  
yet I hope when you get this time  
I may find you and the children all  
and in fine spirits I am very glad  
to see you and the children I have  
by of a few things and things I have  
fine the money to pay for of which I  
bring of the hand but what I think  
there are the children all the same  
I have not for get the money but  
the money that I have not written to  
was that you are no state that I have  
would justify all the my friends the  
I have as yet had but little chance of us

Sent with letter to:

New Orleans  
Dear Sir  
Oct 13 1861  
Friend Ned



Boldongreen Kentuck Oct 22 1861  
Dear Ann

I am only in tolerable health

I have not got intirely over the spel that I had before

I got to Neworleans

I have a ketch in my side that troubles me very mutch tho

I am able to do duty thoe I have reson to thank god that  
it is as well with me as it is

I have had a long and tiresom trip from Neworleans to  
this place

we traveled 5 dayes and nights on the cares and the only  
means that we had of sleeping was on our seets

the boyes complain mitely of the hard times but I have  
seen a great deal harder times than I have seen yet

we are now at the seet of war

we are in 50 or 60 miles of the enemy which is cead to  
be advancin on us in 3 directions

that it is only conjectur

there is nowbody that knows but the spyes and our head  
officers

there is said to bee 50 or 60 thoughtsand troops hear  
revdovosed hear now and new recruits comeing in everyday

the enemy is said to bee at least 80 thoughtsand

now one can tell anything about the numbers

the hole woods are covered in troops and from all parts  
of the contery

I have not seen any body yet that I new before only those  
that came from Texas

there is a compiny hear from Miss DeSoto Cty but I have  
not seen any of them yet

we have to have a pas to go any where in the camps  
we in campet hear late yesterday evening and I have not  
been about mutch yet

there is now telling when we will leave hear  
hear is the battlegrond that is in view by boath parties  
if so we will leave what is left of us after the battle  
if there is not a battle fought hear we will leave in  
the corse of 2 weeks

I gues there is a nother great battle going on in Virginey  
they have been fighting some 4 dayes

it is said that the southern people had killed som 25  
thousand and our loss is not known but it is uncertan  
about the news hear as well as in Texa(s)

thoe it is certan that there is a battle going on there  
if I had of had the money I could have went by your Paws  
I com threw holly springs

I wrote him a letter from grand junction tenysee and wrote  
to him to write to me at this place

Dear Ann I have given you all the news that I have got  
we have thousand of the finest aples

we by them at 5 cents a dosan

they are all ate up that is close abot the mane arma  
they are haled to us by the nigers

I have the pown cake that you gave me when I started yet  
I am going to eat it in the morning

Dear wife you and the children are on my mind in all of  
my wakefull hours thoe we are a meny a mild a part  
our seperation is all that keeps me from being a happy

man

I dont think from presant circumstances that I will come home before next spring

do the best you can and manage your buznes just like you had no husband atal

October 23

I did not finish my letter last night during the night I suffered with my side

it was somthing that I have had before

I am not sick with it but it is a ketch in my side that stops my breath and causes ver much phone

that I am able yet to go about this morning

we have a norther up in Kentucky which makes it worse on me here

when you get this letter call the children all together and hug and kiss them for me and give them all the good advise you can

I am going to write to friend ned Houston and Laughlin and father so if any of them donot a letter they may know that it has been misplaced

I want them all to write to me

I want you to write me a letter with your own hand if it takes you a week and I will know with your hand write all are getting along and how you have got along up to this time and how the stock is doing and how you have enjoyed yourself since I left

write to me about all the little things that has taken place among the children

Dear Ann pray for me that I may do my camps duty as a shoulder of Christ

I am trying to live the life of a christian tho I have  
not seen any reljours exercise in line yet  
it apears that all the wicked of the land are here  
to all humon apearance the troops are all in fine spirits  
and are all keen for a fight and all as a jeneral thing  
healthy

young Freeman that stayed all night with us a few nights  
before I left is my mess mate

we sleep together these nights and he is a cleane nice  
young man and a good and particular friend of mine

I have plenty of good and kind friends in my mess

the boys that left with me are all well but Bob McCann

he got his leg hurt by the wagon between Niblens Bluff

and New Ibery and he has not been able to walk on it

since tho I think he will be up in a few days

I will write to Ned tomorrow

I may be able to give him something new

one day may bring about a many a new thing

we have not recieve any thing from the govement yet but

we will be able to get any thing we need

may the lord bless you and preserve you from all danger

and harm that may chance to assail you and if we never

meet on this earth a gane that we may meet in heaven there

to compose a family whose seperations sorrow and troubles

shall forever have an end is my prey

yours until death

E H Ross

NB back your letters I change it

Bowling Green Kentuck Capt Harises Company Terry regiment

Texas rangers

Bowling Green Kentucky Oct 23 186  
Friend E W Graham

Dear Friend

I can sa to you that I am well one time more for which I  
am bery thankfull to the great giver of all good and the  
presearver of all lives

I hope when you get these lines that they may find you  
and family in the like enjoyment

I have writen a letter to Ann that you will see giving all  
the niews if it be niews at all

but it is Sondag and a leasure time with me and I thought  
to give you a fiew yourns

we havent had no fight yet

the excitement is dieng away and I think if we get a  
fight we will have to attact ourselves

our arma is mostly hear at Bowling Green yet

it seems that the Baren river is the line between the 2  
armayes

our (s)couts goes to the river and therescouts comes to  
the river on the other side

I guess 2 weeks ago we thought that they would be on us  
every day but I have given them out coming at all but  
still I cant tell the intention of the movement of our arma  
I cant tell anything about

I think that they arat least that has been the talk that  
they aimes to winter in Lousville the place that Harrison  
has now in persesion

there is hear in camp about 75 men 350 men gon out on a  
scout and the balance of a thousand are in the hospital  
in diferent places some in Nasvill some here and some at

privit places

Cap King is still unable to attend to his comping

I have not got to go out on a scout yet

noe man of our comping and now I cant tell when when we will go being nearly all sick

out of 90 men there is only 30 in camp officers and all there desese is meseasle and flux

I am speaking of our own comping and regement

unkle jef has give me a very good horse one closebodice coat one over shirt one pear of pants one pear of boots one pear of socks and one blankeet and now orms yet

I lafe and tell the boyes that have nun that they intend to make cooks of us boyes that have now arms

Ned I have got to bee the best cook that you ever saw to my practice

I have washed one time and I made my shirte so white that the boys all laught at me and said that it would not do for a soulder to wear as white shirte as that so you may guess that I made a good job of it

I have gon threw many visisitudes of life since I saw you Ned and I long to see the time that I will get back to to Tex

I would give any thing now that I have to just bee one time more placed back on my own soil in my belved coutery and a mong my friends

I do not want you to understand me to say that I am or that I have been deceved or that I have lost any of my patritism

we have plenty to eate and fine tents and are all well

cared for but it is leaving my wife and children but I  
recon that I stand it as well as any that you ever saw  
I believe that I have had the blues the least of any of  
my compiny

it has been snowing today

we have but little settled wether in this contry abomus  
of rane

if you see Momphard tell him that Dick is in Nashvill at  
the hospital sick with the measles but doing very well  
the last accont McCan Benn Johnson Sawls is also there  
Sawls went to wait on the balance

Benn Johnson is very bad

Ned I want you to write to me all the rest of the boys  
are getting letters from home and I have not got a word  
from home yet nor from any of my friends

I want you and Ann to cend me at least 2 letters a month  
it would afound me the most consolation in the world to  
hear from home or from any of my friends  
you may have writen and the letters may have been miss  
placed

I will write to you and Ann every 2 weeks

You will direct your letters thus when you write to me  
E H Ross Capt Kings Compt Terrys regement Texas Rangers  
and its place of destination for instant Bowling Green  
Kentucky

borhaps when you get this letter Ann may bee at Fathers  
I want you to see

I have letter to inclose boath in the same envelope to  
save expence and maby between the 2 letters you may find

something that will interest you  
give my love to Mrs. Graham and all the children and to  
all who may inquire after me  
keep a double portion to your self and excuse my hand  
writing and spelling  
your sincere friend until death shall separate

E H Ross

Bowling Green Kentucky  
October 27

Dear Father and Mother

it is with pleasure that I am able to drop you a lines  
this Sabboth morning to let you know wear I am and how I  
am geting a long

I am at Bowling green Kentucky at the seat of war in this  
state

there is from the best information that I can get there  
is som 50 or 60 thousand troops on boath sids

times is very exciting and we hear a great ma(n)y things  
hear in camps

there has been but one little skirmish fight and that tuck  
place yesterday

killed and tuck 16 prisons

there was a fight tuck place at lees birg in Virginia  
our loss 200 there loss 1600

Kentucky is mosly devided north and south thoe right  
round Bowling gree(n) there is but fiew union men

the first regement that got hear shot a union flag off of  
the top of the ingion hous so you may see that there has  
been a chang hear

our rules are very strict

we are not aloud to go out of camp with out a lawful excuse  
we thought when we were coming hear that we would have been  
in a battle before this time

we were transfered hear in a hurey but I cant tell aney  
thing about it know

everything is kept dark from the soulder

the last devision of our regement has not recieved there

arms yet so I guess we will not go in to battle till we get them at least

I understand from the Colonel this morning that we would leave at least in 2 weeks

we landed here 8 days ago after a fatiguing travel of 5 days and nights from new orleans

there was such a rush of troops to this place that it was a difficult matter to get cars for transportation except open cars

3 nights we rode on cars that were open and very cold and drizzling of rane

we all caught bad colds and all not over it yet

since (I) comenced writing it was announced that there was preeching in camps

I left off writing and went to preeching and heard a good old fashion sermant after returning I go to writing

we are fairing well as yet in Kentuck

the goverment furnishes us with meat and bred shougher and coffee rice some molasses ginerally pikle pork and bacon pickle beef and some fresh beef and then they hall in every day all kinds of vegitables that we can by at the lowest price to wit

aples 50 cts per bushel turnups 25 per bush cabag at 2 1/2 to 5 cents per head beets and every thing els that a man would want or could wish

I will now give you a sketch of my travels from home to New Orleans

I went from hom strait to houston

there we stayed a week

on Monday week after I left home we started for Virginey  
traveled 1 day on cares all day travling 85 miles  
night found us at Boumont a little town on the Naches in  
which we stayed all night

Nest morning we set sale for Newibery in Louisiana which  
place we reched late in the eveng a distance of 90 or 100  
miles

in this dayes travel we passed threw the sabeen lake which  
was a butiful lake

one side I could not see land on the other side we run  
close to land

we stayed at Newibery all night and next day till late in  
the evening

we got all of our wagons gured up and loded  
we started nor Newibery

N B it was Niblins bluf that we landed at and know we  
started for the town above menchend

on this route we traveled 12 dayes afoot  
there was 3 compenys

we had 8 wagons 2 wagons to the compeny and 2 to hall the  
sick

8 days I got sick and I had to be hawled the balance of  
the way threw and I have not been entirely well since  
thou I feel more like getting well to day than I have felt  
in som time thoe I have been able to go about all the  
while but to the rout that we had to travel over it was  
low flat marshey contrey at least half under water  
wagons would bog somtimes every 100 yds

we traveled 3 days and let the mexicans work there one way

sometimes they would have 50 miles to one wagon  
the 4 day each capt tuck his men and fowlored his wagon  
and it would mire down  
they would push it out and so they manage and threw boots  
and shoes away skared but milling when there feet would  
get sore  
they would cut there feet going barefooted and a great  
many wore out there boots and then wore out there feet  
the water was from half leg to half thigh dep and we  
wasant dry from morning till night  
those are some of the particulars in getting to Newibery  
there we tuck water on aplenty but our capt got the capin  
for his compony and a buck for all his sick men and I was  
one of that number

I dont think I slept 2 hours the hale  
my not being accustom to sleeping where there was any  
racket

in fact I dont think for the first three weeks that I  
average 3 hours a night from the rattle and bustle of  
things that was a rouse me

the next morning found us at Beashearcity 84 miles from  
New orleans

there we got aboard on the cares and started for that  
great place Neworleans  
and night found us there and here we stayed 2 days and  
nights

I never was so mistaken in a place in my life

I can go to Comeron and by things cheper than I can in  
Neworleans

thoe I recon that things is quite different now to what  
it was a few years a go

I guess you will yet see hard times more than you have  
ever been for this reason

everywhere I have been dry goods is scarce and very high  
much more so than in Texas and I guess that they will be  
higher there than they ever now

the weather is tolerable cold here now we have had frost  
doubtless you have heard what compty I went in however I  
will tell you when I got to Kings his comptny had break  
up partly owing Colonel Carters regiment being full  
therin so King had made arangement as Texas rangers so  
that is where I am and the regiment that we belong to and  
we will to go to bregina and when we got to Neworlean the  
orders was conter manded and we were cent Kentuck  
it is thought that the great battle will be fought hear  
in this contrey

we can get the news hear from richmond in about half the  
time as you can get it in any other state

I want you to write to me just as soon as you get these  
lines

direct your letter to Bowling green Kentucky Capt King  
Comp Terrys regiment Texas rangers and it will be certain  
to go right

the boat masters will bee instructed fordethem to us  
where ever we may bee

I want you to write to me and let me know whether I have  
any connections in Kentucky or not and if so where they  
are and who they are

I want you to remember Ann and the children  
I want you to send this to Laughlin and James Surver and  
tell them that I will send them a letter soon  
please look over my obscured and ramblen seate in blotched  
and scrabled up letter for I have a bad pen bad paper  
and have to write on my knee and 12 men in my mess and  
they all round me talking and laughin  
I must bring my letter to a close  
I want you and mother to remember me when it goes  
well I wish to be remembered by all my friend  
give my love and respects to all who may inquire after me  
take care of Ann and the children  
your affectionat son untill death

E H Ross

NB be careful about directing your letters  
E H Ross Bowlinggreen Kentuck Capt King Comptny  
Terreys regement Texas rangers







as you can get it any other time I see  
 you to write to me just as soon as you get  
 from him direct your letter to Bowdoin Green  
 Kentucky Capt Henry Compton - Henry's Regiment  
 King's Rangers and if you are willing to go right  
 the best market will be in New York or Philadelphia  
 I want you to  
 I want you to know what I see and come  
 me directly or not and if you see any other  
 are I want you to remember them and the children  
 want you to send this to Langdon and James Justice  
 tell them that I will send them a letter soon they  
 care my affairs and Hamilton, Keeler and Keeler  
 up letter for I have a few more papers and have  
 write on my me and 12 more in my bag and they  
 found me talking and laughing I might bring my set  
 to a whole I want you and mother to remember me  
 I go with I will to be remembered by all my friends  
 give my love and regards to all who may inquire after  
 me take care of them and the children your affection  
 your uncle Jack

W D be careful about mentioning your letters  
 Z H Post

Bowdoin Green  
 Z H Post  
 Capt Henry Compton  
 Henry's Regiment  
 King's Rangers

I am in tolerable health this morning  
 I have been very unwell for some time but am improving  
 very fast  
 all the boys that left with me are all well but Bob McCann  
 he got his leg hurt by a wagon in Louisiana  
 he can hop about on it and that is all he can do yet  
 as to his health it is good  
 we have all had bad colds from out exposure in Louisiana  
 we had to march 150 miles a foot threw mud and water and have  
 I would give you a complete history of our travels but I  
 say to you never come here to do your fighting  
 reasons for this I will give here after the fatigue and  
 exposure was bad a nuff our orders to go to Virginia was  
 countermanded at New Orleans and we were sent to Bowling Green  
 Kentucky at which place I now am  
 we were sent here in a hurry for the purpose and expectation  
 of getting in to a fight right off  
 the wiman men nigers children and all cheered us with there  
 presence and with books case apples and every thing that  
 they could give us  
 when we would stop and when traveling they would throw them  
 in to the cars  
 they would even get to gether in large crowds on the side  
 of the rode to see Texasans and to cheer them on there way

Dear Sir  
 Friend Arch Houston  
 Bowling Green Kentucky  
 October 30 1861

they would even wave their handkerchiefs so far off at us  
that we could hardly see them but when we saw them we let  
them know who we were by our yells so we have been heard 10  
days

there is a great excitement here  
times is tight here

our pickets were attacked last night 4 killed 8 wounded  
great excitement this morning a fight is expected soon  
it is said that our pickets were fired upon by 800 Likonits  
in 8 miles of our camp

2 regiments has marched by our (camp) this morning that  
was camped close to us the object which I know not  
everything is kept dark from the private

it is said that the enemy is close by and that a fight is  
inevitable

they that left this morning left without their baggage  
sacks on their backs with a full band of music

Arch I haven't been able hardly to lift a pot of over the  
fire for some time and I thought I could hardly stand the  
thought of a battle but when I saw them 2 thousand thousand  
men march out with their glittering muskets and band music  
I felt like I could float a cotton bale

my heart within throbbed within with emotion and I felt  
that I was almost a Samson

there is some 60 thousand southern troops here and at least  
that many on the other side

we are in an enemy country

we are in camp 1 mile from town

if we have particular business we can go to town if not

we cant

the the town is garded all the rods is garded and every place so that it is imposable almost for a Linkonit to get in or out

Kentuckians are doing but little in this affair they all seem to be standing still as if to see which way the scale will turn

it is true there is several Kentucky regiments in the field but as a state she is doing nothing

in fact I think that the most of them are Linkon men but I guess the matter will soon speak for its self

from the best information that I can get the big fight will soon come off hear

that will tell the tail either focaiual or we get the news hear in one day for bergina and missura

they are skirmish fighting every where they have had a considerable in bergina at lees ferry

our loss did not exceed 200 and there loss was 1600

I have forgot there was a little fight tuck place hear

last week in which 4 linkonits was killed and 16 taken prissoner now loss on our part

they are constantly bringing prssoners in to our camps sitisons recruiting officers and scouting parties that they ketch

since I comence writing this letter I have to stop to drill to I put off writing till night so to night our scouts come in with 40 prisoners

subbose that it was some that was in the fight last night I have given you to account of

I hear now more news that I can reclect  
We are fairing like pet pigs  
we have plenty to eat and good water to dring  
we have suggurs and coffes pickle pork fresh beef pickle  
beef molass candles  
we have not received our horses nor gunns  
we expect to recive our from day after tumore  
i speak of my own compeny  
the men of the regiment has already recived there horses  
there is some news in our regiment one pore fellow close  
to my tent of another compeny that was dieng this evening  
wont you to write to me as soon as you get these lines  
give me all the news that you have back you letter  
Bowling green Kentucky Capt Kins Comptany Terrys Regiment  
Texas Rangers  
give my love and respects to all who inquire affter me  
and if convenient send this letter to my wife  
I will write to you all a long when I can  
I will not write more till I hear from you  
I remain you friend until death shall separate us

E H Ross

Bowling green Kentucky  
November 10 1861  
Dear wife

It is sonday eveing  
after riding out to a ginerall review of the troops hear and  
setting down to a fin dish of fresh beef and irash potatoes  
which you know is a favorit dish with me I desire to drop  
you a fiew lins to let you know how I am and what I am  
doing

I am hartly and fatting like a pig  
I have some cough yet but nothing to complain of  
hoping when these lines com to hand that they may find you  
and the children in the same like blessing  
there is a great deal of sickness in our compeny  
nun of it yet has proved fatal  
we have the mesels a mong us  
there is 10 in my mess and 5 sick and complaining  
bob McCan has the mesels  
Ben Jonson has them but broak out  
bob is just taken them  
they have went all threw the southern arma and they have  
in a great many regmts hear been very fatal owing to  
there expsure  
one Arcansis regemtnt who had been transfered hear after  
the mesels had got among them that they was bering one  
a day but the worst that is the matter with our regement  
the cold that we caught in lousina  
I think as soon as we get over that we will be healthey  
we have good tents and plenty of straw to sleep on  
I am as yet well pleased with our fair

we have plenty to eat and to sleep on  
we have not received our arms yet and nun of our compeny  
has been out on a scout yet  
the balance of the regement or at least a greate many of  
them has  
we was the last that got hear and a mong the last that got  
horses  
I drew a horse  
I got a bout the fifthy chois and I did not like him and  
I swaped with Hogue Person for one that he has got that  
was cripled by a kick  
he is a splendid horse and is improving very fast  
when I get upon him I think that I am a hoss back  
we all have very good horses  
we have not had now fight yet thoe times has been very  
exciting except one little brush that some of our boyes  
had who went out on a scout the other day  
there number was 40 commanded by major Harrison our formore  
Capt  
they discovered a number of infintery about 400 and about  
40 caveraly and Major Harrison and 20 of his men made a  
run at them killed 2 that they new of and tuck 2 prisons  
and made there excape  
our boyes had taken 3 prisoners that I have seen and they  
all was native borned Kentuckyions  
I went up in town yesterday and went in to the prison  
where they had about 20 linkonits one of which was a Capt  
in the linkon arma and they look just like anybody else  
I talked with the Capt

he said his name was D Penn and that he had a brother in the sothern arma

he stated in referance to his case that there was only one step between right and rong and he had fell on the rong side

it seems strange to me to see men taken prisoners who are flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone

I expected to see somthing great when I saw a linkonite I ran to see the first one that was brought in to our regement as thoe that was a monkey to be exsebited and when I got to the gard hous I had to ask which he was and they pointed him out to me and to my astonishment he looked like anybody else

Capt King has been very punily for several days unable to attend to his buziness

he porticularly requested me to cend his respects to you and all of the neighborhood that he wished to be remembered by all

Dear Ann I have given you all the news that I think will interest you

in referance to matters here I hear a nugh hear in one day to fill up a quaire of paper and maby all turnout to bee fowls we have been more than ansee we been ordered to stay in side of our lines for a hole day not knowing what hour we would have marching orders

3 days ago Capt King cent me word being the head of our mess that he wanted me to tell all the boyes that he wanted them to put there things all where they could put there hands on them and for all to be at there post that

he expected to receive marching orders at 4 o'clock  
that evening and that            arma was in 12 miles of our  
camps and it has all turned out to be false  
this picket goes out and comes back and reports what he  
has discovered and another goes out and he reports and  
that is why so many false reports get out  
but it is a stubborn fact that we are in an enemy land and  
that a fight is inevitable and I think that we will be  
ready when it may suit them to rouse the general in command  
of this division of Lincoln's army  
it is said said General Johnson word who is at the  
head of our command that this day was a week ago  
that he went to eat dinner in Bowling Green  
Johnson sent him word that if he did he would take supper  
in hell

I think if we are not attacked in a short time and we  
get every thing ready that we will attack them  
Ann I can only say to you to take the best care of you  
self that you can

don't despair of never seeing me again

I feel just like I will see you and the children again  
I can't imagine while I am writing this lovely Sabbath  
evening that I see you and Sarah Jane Davey Wiley  
Margaret all down at Friend Ned's and that you are about  
now calling them up to start home and perhaps trying to get  
John Peter or William to go with you

all such thoughts are passing through my mind  
tell Ned and Miss Graham that I have not forgotten the many  
pleasureful hours that we have spent together nor never  
will and that I hope to spend some more if it is 20 years

hence

I have not received a wor from home since I left

I am exceding ankous to hear from home

I want you to write to me onst a month and I will write  
to you every 2 weeks or oftoner

I have writon to you 4 times since I left hom 2 to Ned

I have go now ancer from ether of you

direct your letters to Bowling Green Kentucky

if we leave hear this winter they will beforided to us

Dear Ann I must bring my letter to a close for the  
want of room and it is nearly dark

when I commenced I thought I would only drop you a fiew  
lines and I have kept writing untill I have filled all  
the space I have

My pray is and shall bee to god that he may spair us to  
meet and see each other a gane

it seems to to me that if I could see you and the children  
that I would be willing to die

your affectionate husban untill death

E H Ross