Camp Near Falton Tenn Dec 19th/62

My Dear Wife I again take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well and I hope that these lines will find you and the rest of the family enjoying the same blessing of almight God And I wish you to pray to God for to protect you and me and the little ones in our time of trouble Well I received a letter from John day before yesterday and he was well and the rest of the friends ~~is~~ was well I have not much of importance to write at present We hear some good news and some bad news about the moovements of our army and I do not know any thing reliable the report in camps this morning is that General Burnsides has Fallen back from some cause or other they say he is not whiped that it is a Stragetic moovement but I am afraid it is not I am afraid he is whiped and if he is it is bad

Dec 22nd 1862

Ky

Camp Near Galliton Sumner County

My Dear Wife

I now again take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well at present and have been well and hearty and I hope that these lines will find you and the children all well and hearty and enjoying yourselves well I was unwell a day or two ago with cold but I am better of it again and I hope my health will remain good but I have to trust to him that is the giver of all good for protection in health and other dangers on the field of battle and in camps and you must pray to him to be with you and guid you in your efforts to take care of the little ones under your care and to give you comfort in your lonesome condition And you will recollect your your Husband in your secret devotions Well I have not had a letter from you since the one you wrote the Eleventh I got one from John Hicklin writen

James C. Boggs

Dec 13th and he was well I am anxious to hear again from home but I do not think that you are to blame I think the letters get miscarried Well I am in more hopes that we will have peace than I was some time ago. we are here yet and not any thing of importance a doing there is no body of the enemy near here that I have heard of it is about fifty miles to the nearest point that I have heard of them being stationed at to this place There is one brigade of Soldiers now passing here it makes things look lively to see the soldiers passing after their music / it's a pleasant day to day we have had pleasant weather since this day week ago we had rain that day Well Margaret we have not received any pay since we left Centralia and I am out of money and my paper is scarce and paper is hard to get it You need not send me any tobaco for I can confiscate enough to do me Tom your Affectionate Husband

James C. Boggs

1862

Glasgow Barren County Ky Dec 30

Dear and ~~Affectionate~~

Wife I again take up my pen to write you a line to let you know how I am geting along I feel well this Morning and I hope these lines will find you and the children enjoying the same Blessing of God We have been on the march again for four days and have got back to Glasgow again We have had a hard time this march the two days it rained all the time day and night and we had mud and slosh plenty We had a pike road to travel on the last two days was clear and pleasand but it is raining to day and we have stoped to rest and I am glad of it for I do not like to march in the rain We are down for some point

but I do not know any thing
about where we are going some
of the men says we are going
to East Tennisee and some of them
says Old morgan is marching
on to Louisville but it is all
guess work with them We can
hear anything that we want to
hear in camps just tell something
we want to hear and in less than
an hour we can hear it in every
direction Well Margaret I have
been verry unwell since I last
wrote to you but I have marched
through rain and mud and
waded a river the third day of the
march that was one hundred
yardes wide and over nee deep
and the water was verry cold
And I have got better all the time
and I feel well again We are
having a merry time this march
it is Christmas times and

yesterday the boys found some
Whiskey and this morning
there were some promotions
made in the regiment there was
an Orderly Sergeant promoted to
the ranks and some others
A Christmas day the boys had a
fine day of it they were all
excused from all duty and allowed
to go where they pleased so they
commited no depredations on prope
rty or citizens One regiment went
out under their Colors in full
force and Catched Two hundred
and Seventy five Rabbets we
did not get to go a rabbet hunting
the General would not let us go
But it did not make any difference
with me for I was not well enough
at that time Well Margaret I have
not heard from you since the
Eleventh of this Month and I would
be verry glad to hear but there

is no chance on a march to
get letters and I will have to
be content I am in hopes
that we will soon get home
So no more at present
But remain your Affectionate
Husband Untill Death

James C. Boggs

To

Margaret Boggs