Camp at Stevenson Ala June 29th 1863

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Dear Brother

I received your kind favour this P.M. was happy indeed to hear from you and home, I have just returned from Chicago I neglected to write home while there being very busy all the time, I mailed a Letter to Ed Coffin while there that I commenced two month ago but never had a chance to mail it, and kept adding to it all the time until I got quite a large Letter, I wrote to you after I received that box at Nashville acknowledging the receipt of it but the mail is so uncertain I suppose you never received it, and not receiving any answer to it is the reason I mentioned it in Ed's letter I am extremely obliged to you and Gallagher for the gift. I still retain good health, and and down at Stevenson Ala about 45 Mile from Chattanooga, We was down there two weeks ago we cleaned them out and made them retreat from the town, I had 5 men of my Company wounded, none Killed. We left the place the next day and marched 120 mile over the mountain after guerrillas and Bush whackers getting fired into all along the roads and capturing about 12 prisoners, Capt T. H. Guthrie of my Company is taken prisoner together with two first Lieutenants, I see you address me as Captain I am not appointed yet but I have been in Command of Company A, acting Captain, for 4 months I expect we will be at Chattanooga inside of two weeks, when there will be a

strong fight, we have a good Regiment however and I am satisfied can whip any two Regiments that stands in front of us, we have information there is a large force there, and may expect a big fight, the weather here is very warm hotter than ever I experienced North,

give my love to the family not forgetting Emma write as soon as you receive this and let me know the news

I Remain as ever

Your affectionate Brother

C. V. L

Direct as before Nashville

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HEAD-QUARTERS, PIONEER BRIGADE:

Army of the Cumberland.

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Dear Brother

Your kind favor I have just received dated the 10th which you see has been a long while coming. so you must not wonder at reading so long for an answer

You speak about the Eastern army getting whipped at Fredricksburgh, I have no doubt of it. the Eastern army has been whipped in almost every Battle. They have'nt the fighting material that composes the army of the west, which has men in it that will fights and good Officers,

you speak of resigning, I cold'nt think of it. I have a good position.. have just passed through a 5 days fight without a scratch, and in good health

The fights we have had here was a terrible one we have lost about 5000 Killed Wounded. the Rebel loss as near as can be ascertained was between 8 and 9 thousand Killed wounded.. Murfreesboro when we got possession, was filled with their wounded, almost every house was a hospital, the Pionier Brigade to which we now belong. with the Chicago Board Trade Battery, stood two days on the front without being relieved they the rebels made three violent charges that was made on the Battery. and was terribly repulsed every time

the last charge was made by a Texas Brigade about dusk on the 31st, our men were lying in a thicket, we let them advance to within fifty paces, when we opened on them with musketry, & Canister they left piles of their dead laying front of our lines & Skedaddled.

In riding along our lines the shot Shell & bullets flew around me like hail, but thank God I was not hit, the most bother I had was from the enemys sharpshooters, who were posted in trees in front of us and seemed to take great delight, in pecking at every one that rode a Horse, pleasant amusement for them, but very un-pleasant for me I assure you.

In riding over the Battle field after the fight hundreds of the dead could ~~were~~ be seen lying around, knocked into all imaginable shapes. I see in one pile 19. dead Rebels, showing how terrible had been their fate in endeavoring to charge our Battery, dead men & Horses lay in all directions presenting a horrible spectacle.

The 19th lost in the fight 101 Killed & wounded they captured 4 pieces of artillery, the Col was severely wounded, the 2nd Lieut of my Company likewise, two officers killed, and two others wounded.

I still retain good health and would like

very much to visit Nyork. but dont see no chance of it for a while yet

Tell Ed Coffin to write. Jenning. andrew & Mother likewise. give my Love to the Family and Respects to all Enquirers

Write on receipt of this. I will write again soon, the mail going from here is so uncertain

dont put the handle of Mr — on my name the next time you write

I Remain as ever
Your aff Brother
C. V. L

Direct to
Lieut C V Lambeson
A.D.C. Genl
Pioneer Brigade
Nashville
Tenn

Care of
Capt Morton

Murfreesboro Tenn March 5th 1863

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Dear Father

I am in receipt of your last, together with the Papers, and venture to reply

I am sorry to hear Mother was sick but hope it will turn to nothing serious. am glad to hear the rest of the Family retain good health

I am still at Murfreesboro and in excellent health, the army is lying here yet with no certainty of moving ahead. we have had tremendous rainy weather for a while back which has made the roads almost impassable we are busy fortifying the place and filling it with Stores when that is Completed we will move forward. when you may look for a big fight. I hope I will be lucky enough to go safely through it as I did before

Braggs army lays in front of us in large numbers, we have continual skirmishing every day. but we have an army a fighting one, that can walk right through him. which we will do if we get at him again. If there were such men and officers in the army of the Potomac as there are here in Rosecrans army, there would be better fighting, there and more Battles now

I received a Letter from Jane a few days ago she and Emma were both well.

Tell Mother I received her letter also which I will answer

~~Write as soon~~ Write as soon as possible

Give my Love to the Family and Respects to all

I Remain as ever
Your Affd Brother
C. L.

Murfreesboro Tenn March 17th 1863

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Dear Brother

Your kind favor came duly to hand to day. Your letters do not come through always at least I do not receive as many as you say you write. Since I have been here every letter I have received I have answered immediately. I mailed a letter to Mother a few days ago.

You speak of getting a position as asst Steward, which, in attempting to get anything of that kind, is very poor taste on your part I assure you, that place, (or position you might call it,) as well as Steward of a Hospital, is generally filled by Convalescents, and is no position for any sensible young man like you. to be in, there is virtually no position of that kind it is generally some nurse, or help of some kind in the Hospitals, with the magnified title of asst Steward

I am still at Murfreesboro, the army

likewise, but ere this reaches you I think we will be hard on the track of Mr Bragg. the renowned Braxton, with his army of Butternuts.

Capt Stewart, asst Engineer, army of the Cumberland, leaves here for Newyork to morrow, I have given him your address likewise. Ed Coffin & Lew McDermott, will some relics to take on from the Battle field he will see you as soon as he gets in N.Y.

Tell Ed Coffin I mailed a letter to him yesterday, ask him and Lew to write.

Give my Love to the Family and Respects to all

I Remain as ever

Your affectionate Brother

C. D. L