

Camp Winfield Scott Apl 20th 1862

Dear Mother

It is Sunday once more and a dark rainy day too, so I can get a little time to rest while it is raining. We have been kept so bussy for the last week or two that it seems real good to sit down a little while without being disturbed with the call of fall in boys. I sent fifteen dollars to you last Wednesday and hope you have got it all right. I wrote to you the eighth of this month just after the fight and see by yours of the 13th that you had not received mine up to that time. I hope you will get the money all right for one dollar there is worth three here. I would have sent more but did not know how long it would be before we would be paid again. I have to have my tobacco and sometimes something to eat. Tobacco sells for ten shillings per pound here and not verry good at that, common soda crackers cost two cents a piece and everything else in propotion. I made some beef soup yesterday that I think would beat any thing I ever saw at home. I tent with Harrington and one of the Cheng Vally boys and do the cooking for our mess I get up some big dishes now that we have got money but as soon as that gets low it will not require much skill to cook what we get. We get fresh beef two or three times a week the rest of the time pork and Pilot bread. I have not seen any soft bread for over four weeks, some of the crackers are marked B.C., the boys say that it means before Christ, but I don't hardly believe that they were made as long ago as that We have not got our Sharps rifles yet but expect to get them soon as Genl Porter has taken hold of the matter. We are using Colts now there is part of our company that would not take a colts rifle. Ed is among the number the opinion is that they would not take any gun at all if they could get out of it. The news from Pittsburgh landing is not verry encouraging here. I think it would be impossible for them to surprise us here as they did down there Every man here is inspected every day and if he has not got forty rounds of ammunition it is given to him at once the papers state that some of them down there were not supplied at all. There is going to be a terrible battle here when it Comes and I think it will decide which will be boss, Uncle Sam or Jeff. I can not think of much to write about for I see so much every day that I can't remember half of what I have seen. I think Uncle Same is doing a big thing for this Country down here building roads and bridges wharfs etc. You said in your letter that you did not see anything in the paper about Company 10. What men there is of our company that have got guns were sure doing just as much as any other company in the regiment but none of them hapened to get hurt, that was the reason you did not see them mentioned. The Sharp Shooters have got a big name here and they have fairly earned it. We do more duty than any other three regiments there is here. You may think that I am saying too much but I have only told the truth. Please write often and write just as long letters as you can the last one was rather short. I will write to Cornelia as soon as I get time. I can not do it now no how

Your aff Son
CJH