Tullahoma, Tenn.
Jan. 9th 1863.

Dear Ma.

As I have never written to you since the battle of Murfreesboro' I expect you have been uneasy about me, but I sent a dispatch to you which I hope you received. I was anxious to write to you soon after the battle, but moved constantly from place to place, and I could not find a moment to write. I had the good fortune to pass through the battle untouched, tho' the fire was very thick, & destructive. Our Brigade was on out-post duty at Triune, where we had been for some time in advance of the army. On the 26th Dec. the Yankees commenced their advance, a portion of their army coming the Triune road. We were formed in line of battle, our tents struck and all the baggage sent towards Murfreesboro'. That night we slept in line of battle, the rain pouring down and we without a single tent. We had an awful night & slept very little. On the 27th the Yankees again commenced their advance. Two Regts. from our Brigade were thrown forward as skirmishers and we were posted a mile back as a Reserve. It was raining very hard but the enemy came on & soon engaged our skirmishers, who fell back, firing as they went. We stood in the rain expecting every minute to be en-

gaged with the enemy. When our two Regts. fell back to where we were we were ordered to deploy as skirmishers but as soon as we commenced to do so the order was changed, & we were formed, & started towards Murfreesboro' 24 miles off. And thus we were in sight of the Yankees, but did not get into the fight. We marched on thro' mud, and water until sometime in the night when we camped, built fires, & dried our clothes. On the 29th we started to Murfreesboro', & camped that night near town. On the 30th we marched thro' town, & formed into line of battle where the rest of our Division was formed. We were formed on the right wing of our line to support Bredenridges' Division in our front. Late in the evening our Division was carried over to the left where the Yankees were massing their troops. Sharp firing commenced about 1 O'clock in the center, & continued until night. On the morning of the 31st we were formed in line, & commenced to move forwa[illegible] We marched through a large field moved to a cedar thicket. Directly [illegible] got into the woods our skirmishers front began to fire. Soon the Yanke[illegible] came in sight & then the work com-menced. Our Regt. fell to the ground, to protect themselves, & commenced all to open fire. The Yankees were lying on the ground in some rodes

and poured a steady fire into our ranks. I could hear the balls whistle by me, & see them strike the trees on every side. Our fire soon became too hot for them, & they rose & began to run. The command was given to forward, & we started for them, cheering as we went. As we went on after them I would for mere curiosity ask some of the wounded Yankees what Reg'ts they belonged to? Some would answer 38th Ills., some the 15th Mich. & different ones of their army. Our men who had poor guns would take good ones from the wounded and dead Yankees, & throw their own away. We ran them a long distance, killing and wounding a good many, and would have taken a battery in our front, but Gen. Wood halted us thinking we were too much crowded together. We then went back to the Ordnance trains to get some more ammunition, as we had exhausted all we had. After getting some more ammunition & resting a short time we again moved forward. We saw a Brigade of Yankees in an open field moving slowly by the "Left Flank" and seemingly taking no notice of us on this account we thought them prisoners & did not at first fire on them, but soon we found out our mistake and fired on them, killing a good many of them. Soon a

battery near by opened on us, we charged it, but lost a good many men, & were unable to take it, as they had a large number to sustain them, & we were considerably weakened in numbers. We again went to get some ammunition, & rested, and again the third time we moved forward to the attack. This time we drove the enemy from their position as before charged another battery but as before were unable to take it as it was in a strong position. It was now about 2 P.M. and having been in the fight ever since sun-rise we did not return again to the fight. We drove the Yankees a long ways, & slept that night on the battlefield. Where we slept the Yankees were lying dead all around and a good many wounded too, but most of the wounded had been carried to the Hospital. Our men found a great many little things the Yankees left on the field. A great many Knapsacks were left by them piled up before going into the battle, and our men took all of these. We got a coffee on the battlefield. And I [illegible] a great many letters they had with them. They are nicely fixed up, and have everything you can imagine convenient. Their writing paper has all kinds of pictures & so of ~~them~~ their Generals, and Union victories. On the 1st Jan. Our Brigade was ordered across on [illegible]

in front of the Yankees to find
out their position. We marched a
good distance and the Yankees
opened a heavy fire on us: we
lost a good many men in field
out of the Brigade, & then fell back
to our former position without
firing a single gun. It was a
great mistake in sending us
over alone, as we lost a good
many men, & done no good.
We lost in the whole engagement
14 killed and 87 wounded in the Regt.
We had about 320 men in the fight
(in the Regt.) Our loss was not so
much as it was at Perryville, tho'
we fought longer at Murfreesboro'
On the night of the 2nd we were fre-
quently aroused by the heavy firing
of our picquets, thinking the Yankees
were advancing. On the night of
the 3rd about 12 O'clock our Brigade
was withdrawn from the front
and we commenced to move from
Murfreesboro'. It rained hard all
night, & we had a hard time march-
ing thro' mud & water. We halted at
sunrise next morning, & rested some.
The Yankees it seems left the same
night we did - strange thing. Their
loss must have been much heavier
than ours, about 3 to our 1 I think.
The field was covered with their
dead & wounded. I hope never to have
to go into another battle if we can do

as well without one. I ex[illegible]
will remain here sometime;
I don't think the Yankees will a-
vance soon. I have never yet been able
to get the box you sent me by
Robt. Withers. I fear the cake
has spoiled before this. Withers'
Division is never hardly camped near
us, & I find it impossible to get the
box. Whilst we were in Murfreesboro' I could find no time to get
it. I am anxious to get a pr. of
boots & hope you will send them
by Harris Waller. My shoes are
wearing out, & I cannot get any
here. I will write to you often
after this. Write soon, & direct
to this place. Love to all.

Yr. Aff. Son
A. M. Moore.