In Camp's Tenn
Near Shelbyville Bedford Co

December 4th 1862

My Dear Sister

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction to me to seat my self this morning to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well at this time hoping these few lines may find you and Sister and family all well you must excuse me for not writing to you oftener for I have not got the paper neither can I get it. Sallie I am very anxious to hear from you for I have not heard from Prattville in three or four weeks I have nothing new to communicate to you there fore you must not expect and interesting letter. There was one man from each company sent home after clothing for the company. from company G the Ordily Sargeant was sent he will goe to Pa's house I sent a letter to pa by him and all the maney I could spair Oh how I would like to see him but God only knows wheather I ever will or not I do hope and pray that I will be spaired to return home to stay in peace I have not heard from Pa lately I hope to hear from him soon I wish you would send me some sock

Woolen for I will need some before long I will
try and get ~~A~~ furlow Christmas. if I can
I will come to see you but it will be doubtful
wheather I can get one or not I will try
and see what can be done The Colonel who
have been commanding our regt is ordered
to report to General Bragg, Col J. L. Autry
takes command of the 27th Miss Col Autry
has commanded our regt before he commanded
while we ~~where~~ wear at pensacola he
is ~~A~~ very good commander he also commanded
the forces at Vickburg Miss last Summer
probibly you might have heard ~~from~~
of him Give my love to Sister
Ferde and all the children and except
the same for your self when you write
direct to Shelbyville Tennessee
No more but remains your
Affectionate Brother
J. R. Riggs