Camp of 27th Miss regt
Near Chickamauga Tenn
August 26th 1863

My Dear Sister

It is with pleasure that I take my pen in hand to write to you again to inform you the condition of my health it is very good and has been ever since I last wrote to you hoping this will find you and family all well. Sister you must excuse me for not writing to you sooner for I have been looking for a long time for a letter from Sallie but have received none, Sister since I wrote to you before I have been stationed at Atlanta Ga I was down there four weeks to a day when we were order back to this place which I assure you I was very sorry to get ordered to come back for I am so tired of it but at the same time I am willing to go any where at to any place I am

Order, we have lost a great many men
Since the retreat from Shelbyville, where
we wear camped at atlanta we had
as many as eight men to desert one
night and when we left there we lost
some thing near fifty men deserted on
the night we left out of my regt and
last night four more went out of
one company I am very sorry indeed
our men are deserting so bad for we
have none to spair And I know what
deserted from my regt done it because
they did not want to go Back to Tenn
I think Gen Bragg shows this Brigade
all the favor he possibly can this Brigade
and Gen Liddell are Detached from the
army as a reserved division for the
army and now Walthall Brigade
are under command of Gen Liddell
I am in hope we will not have much
more hand fighting to do for I am
So tired of camp life that I can

Scarcely content my self but I will
hold out as long as any other man
before I will give it up although
I believe we are going to be whipped
Last week it was reported that
Surrender I was nearly ready to
Surrender that is the people thought
ht doubtful about it wheather she
should or not I am in hope we
will be able to hold Charlestown for
I do not like the idie of given up
our places especial Charlestown
Sister you must be sure and write
to me as soon as you get this for
I am very anxious to hear from
you. Tell Sallie to write
also Ferde and Arthur tell
Arthur I want him to write
to me give my love to all
Direct to Chickamauga Tenn.

Your affectionate Brother
J. R. Riggs