

Knoxville June 27th 1863

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be back here in two weeks.

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350 or 60 including officers.

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as soon as he learns our destination.

It rained all night last night and is still very
dark cloudy and drizzling this morning.
we slept under the veranda of the Asylum
Hospital in mud and dirt.

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at least who are here and I suppose are going
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2^d Bat Ala Legion - and I believe Baxter's Battery goes
with us. - We are all well I believe. other troops
have left this Department and still others are to
follow - look out for a great Battle at
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W. J. Praffson

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Love to Sol & Carrie Yr aff son

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