

Camp 12 miles from Chattanooga
August 16th / 1863

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Many are patriotic & generous to the Country.
We have just finished our Muster rolls which

all ways & give us enough trouble while in camp
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to make them out & be mustered on the last
day of every other month, whether on march
or in camp. I think we will leave this
place probably tomorrow morning early
I think to go in the direction of ~~Whitabury~~
I hope I shall see Jim & Tom there. Ed
~~Sturshur~~ & Ab Goodwyn have been in a few
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ner. Have by him been reinstated. I think
it very probable, that the War Dept
will never act upon their cases. If not there
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Capt Mias health I think has improved lately
I must close as our Company has to go on picket
this evening. I don't know where to tell you
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Good bye. Love to Laura Carrie & the Children
Yours Affly
W E Hall



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August 6th 1863

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