

Camp near Strawberry Plains
August 17th 1863

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Camp near Loudon Tenn
August 27th 1863

Dear father

Yours see from dates that it has been some time since I first started this letter. I was interrupted before finishing this at Strawberry Plains. We have been moving nearly ever since. We have done some very hard marching lately. It is the general impression here, that we are going to evacuate East Tenn - for a while at least. All of the troops, except, what few are

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(a surgeon on duty with the Legion) came
from the Gap yesterday and says there
are three regiments & twelve pieces of
artillery there. He said he saw a dispatch
to Genl Brazier (commander at the Gap)
from Genl - Buckner. Telling him to
move all of his commissary stores
and every thing up in the Gap, to see
that water was convenient, have a
good supply on hand, and to hold the
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his fight. Then we can come back
here and very easily run the Gaunks
out of East Tenn. But if we let
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D. B. Hall. which I think must have
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other things in it, out in the country
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trunk is worth nothing, but the
blanket will be valuable this win-
ter. I wrote to the lady (yesterday)

with whom I left the trunk to express
it to you at Montgomery. for the Charges
to be paid by you at Montgomery.
I wish if it comes you would get it
for me! I shall need the blankets this
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Direct letters to Gordon Tenn
We are all well - Write soon. I hope
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Yours Affly &c
J. A. Hall



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