

Camp near Maysville

Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Father,

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My Battalion is to stop at Walker's ford on Clinch river twelve miles above here. The others go on to Sagerwell which is fourteen miles farther on. And is at present Gen. Stevenson's head quarters.

I will be for a time camped by myself. I don't know why this is. But Gen. Williard says he will make an effort to keep us all together. The enemy have been driven back to the gap so we hold all the country this side. The people here are very hostile!

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Yankees. You find about one in twenty  
who is true to the South. Most of the men  
are in the Lincoln army but the women  
are here & talk as they please which is de-  
cidedly hostile to us. They all make no de-  
cret of having boys & all in the Yankee  
army.

I am sorry that we are so far from  
Ginn & Horn altogether. I suppose they  
are at Chattanooga now so that  
we are as far from them as ever.  
Perhaps we shall get together after  
a while. I don't pretend to understand  
the movements.

As to the increasing this Battalion  
I would not be able to promise any of  
the officers but could only say that  
if any one were to come in  
he would have an equal chance  
for the position of Major. I don't  
think any of the officers at pres-  
ent here have any aspirations. Williard  
would be glad to raise it to a Regt.

Jones (the Lieut.) told me McManis was  
raising a company & had it nearly full.  
I wrote him a letter by Jones & sent

him a Quarter roll with directions. Stub-  
blefield thinks a lumbering will be certain to be  
raised in season. I have forgotten who is raising  
it. We have left all our baggage behind  
except cooking utensils & three fly covers to a Co.  
As my lantern has been lost  
I wish you would get me another  
& send it by the first one passing.  
I believe things are getting on tolerably  
smoothly here.

Continue to direct your letters  
to Knoxville.

Remember me to all at home.  
Tell Sir & the others to write often.

Yr aff son

Balling Hall Jr.



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