

Cincinnati Ohio July 28<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Wife

It has been over a week since I last wrote and we have traveled over 400 miles since we were at Petersburg when I last wrote and the day was Sunday well we left that night and came down to Cincinnati and stopt here two days and were sent by Rail Road to Galaska a little place on the Marietta Road 140 miles North East from here and we stopt there until yesterday when we got orders to return to Cincinnati where we arrived at 3 o'clock this morning after day light we marched up town to a Park and after stacking arms we went to rest which we needed after being up all night we will not stay here long I think as we are ordered

back into Kentucky again. We  
will probably get our pay tomorrow  
which we are very much in need  
of now we have to settle up  
our clothing account this pay  
day and as I have over drawn  
my allowance of clothing for a year  
it comes out of my wages  
consequently I will only get \$30  
this time instead of 42 Dollars  
and I have got to get my Officers  
uniform and sword, I can not  
send you any this time, next two  
months will run me in debt, or  
until I can get Lieuts pay which  
will be in about two months  
more I will try and get along  
as Easy as I can and if you need  
any money I will Borrow some  
and send you some do not be  
afraid to let me know your wants  
for I want to help you all I can  
Morgan and his men are gobbled  
and he is now here in prison  
and well guarded by the 111<sup>th</sup> Ohio

The Prison is only three Blocks  
from here and some of the Boys  
have been and seen him He will  
Bother us no more I hope we have  
been after him for over a month  
now and have travailed over 700  
miles in that time and by the  
time we get back where we started  
it will be over 1000 miles, we  
have not had a shot yet so you  
see we have not been in any  
danger yet and I think we  
never shall so you must not  
worry about me I have not had  
any mail since I wrote before The Brigade  
Post Master has got all of the mail and  
has gone to Goursvill we will get it  
when we get there. I hope we will  
get where our Bagage is before long  
for I as well as all of the Officers  
have nothing with us only what we  
have on our Backs and the way  
I get a clean shirt is to go with  
out until I can wash it and  
put it on wet and let it dry  
on me which is preferable to

wearing it dirty like others do  
the same so I am not alone in  
the box I would buy one if I had  
the money and I will as soon as  
I get my pay I have got to buy a  
coat and a pair of shoes and I  
guess I can get along until next  
pay day, I will have to buy my  
provisions hereafter as I will not be  
entitled to draw as the non  
commissioned Officers and Privates  
my wages will be about \$102 and  
some cents a month and I can  
lay up money at them wages when  
I get started after getting my uniform  
and sword I am using a borrowed  
one now which I cannot always  
do. Keep up good spirits and write  
often I have put in most one year  
and have only two more at the  
furthest - Direct as before and  
I will get your letters after a  
while Take good care of little Frank  
and believe me always your  
Affectate Husband

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