

August 3rd. Command at Sparta - heard directly from  
home through Bill Jones all well - Jim Clark & W. L. Dulaney  
taken the oath - a part of the command leaves on a scout  
this evening - Curt May died of fever at Livingston  
28th July - Do write as soon as possible - Tom obedient

To Henry

Aug 8th. I mail my letter this morning - no news

July 26, 1862

Charlton Co. Tenn, near Livingston  
July 26th. 1862

Dear Pa.

I last wrote to you from Knoxville Tenn  
the day before starting for Ky, I left K. as you  
remember on 27th June - reached home July 2<sup>d</sup>. found  
all well and in good spirits - hoping an early return  
of the Confederate Army. My adventures from the  
27th June to the present time would fill quite a  
volume - I was pursued by the Push-whackers  
in East Tenn. lost my horse - posted it twenty  
miles - passed as an oppressed union citizen  
from near Knoxville & was forwarded on horse  
back by my union friends to Columbia Ky - then  
took the stage for Lebanon - thence the cars to  
Bristow Station near Bowling Green. Among the  
passengers on the cars were many whose faces  
I recognized - but none knew me - From Bristow  
I walked through the woods home - where I  
remained until the next evening - by this time  
the authorities at B. G. had learned that I was at  
home - and sent a body of Cavalry to arrest  
me - I had been gone five minutes when they  
arrived - From <sup>Waverly</sup> I passed to Butler & remained  
till the night of the 5th. - passed out by way  
of Litchfield - Elizabethtown - Kardstown & Bensalem  
to Lexington - near which place I remained till  
Monday - reached Georgetown, where I joined  
him - On the evening of the 17th. we reached  
Cynthiana, thirty miles from the Ohio river, at  
which place we had a severe skirmish with  
the enemy - numbering from five to eight hundred -  
After two hours fighting the place was taken - with  
three hundred prisoners - large quantity of