

In Camp near Crabb Orchard Ky Oct. 19/62
Sunday evening

Dear brother Hiram

It is a long time since I received your last letter, & am waiting for an other, I am yet by the blessing of God enjoying good health, & hope that these lines may find you in the same condition. I have written a letter to Harman from here, which you will probably here of, so I deem it unnecessary to remention all I wrote to him in regard to our march &c. We have now been here 4 days, in readiness to march at a moments notice; but there are no more indications of starting now, than when we first stopped.

To day we got permission to put up our tents 3 in number for each comp. our camp is next to gen. ~~Mc~~ Cooks headquarters which our reg. is guarding at present, he has been promoted to major gen. & now commands a corps of 3 or 4 divs. Gill commands his old div. Ralph Bagnards, & Jacob Teelhoe are in good health yet, their reg. is encamped a few rods from us. Ralph, offered me 5 or 10 dollars, I accepted 5, to lend.

New Market Oct. 23rd Thursday

Again I take my pen to add a few lines, seeing we have removed from where I commenced this letter, we started early on Monday morning on the march, & arrived here last night. And stop here to day & how much longer I know not. we are all quite busy to day writing letters, washing drawing rations, clothing &c.