

Camp near Castalian Springs Tenn

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1862 - 11 o'c' P.M.

Emma:

Since I last wrote to you, we have passed the boundary into Dixie, at least the technical boundary, for the real one is the Ohio River. We left Glasgow Ky. on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. for Carthage Tenn, but on the second day of our march we learned that Horgan had "gobbled" up a whole brigade at Hartsville and received orders to proceed with all possible dispatch at once to that place - on the principle I suppose of locking the stable when the horse has been stolen. The roads were very rough and difficult but fortunately the weather was fine - very fine for this season - and we came through in good time, and without undue exertion, on the part of the men. We came into Hartsville last night and encamped with a brigade from Galatin near the scene of the recent shameful disaster. This morning we struck tents again and marched to this place. We are now pleasantly encamped, and hope to remain here, for a day or two - something unusual for the 103<sup>th</sup>. I know you are wondering how

I - so recently sick - could stand a hurried  
march of five days. Well I have seen wonderfully  
jaded. The Adjutant has gone some one hundred and  
I was absent to me as such during his absence. Of course  
this relieved me from the labor of marching and I have  
come through on horse back quite comfortably. My health is  
improving rapidly and this disease, has I think - saved me  
from a relapse. It seems like being at home to play  
the Adjutant once more and I am almost of mind to  
return to the position. The regiment starts to march from  
3 o'clock, till daylight and I must be on hand to form  
the regt; so

Good Night

A. B. Bourgeois

Direct to Louisville Ky - "to follow the regt" until further  
orders.

A. B. Bourgeois

You say you have received no answer  
in regard to going to Ripley - I should  
be very glad, desiring to have you with  
such good friends, & who I deeply respect  
as Deane and wife, but I think  
it would in the main defeat the  
chief ends I have in view to have  
you go there. I wish you to live in  
a city, for several reasons. Firstly,  
you will probably have to make  
your home in one after my return  
I should I return; - and secondly  
it will give you something novel  
and exciting to wear away the  
tedium of an unoccupied winter  
in my absence. There may be rea-  
sons why you had better not go  
to Cleveland, which I do not now  
know. I have stated the matter to father  
and I wish you to consult him in  
regard to it. If he does not think  
it best he will say "I do not know,"  
"Quit yourself", and either proceed to  
argue against it, or maintain  
an obstinate reserve. If he approves

of the idea he will say "I don't know. Al has queer notions but I don't know but his notion is half right;" and straightway proceed to complete the arrangements. Well I guess you had better go to Cleveland for the winter. It seems - all things considered - the most eligible means of disposing of any sore article of furniture.

I have been having a fitte tonight and as I looked down at the limbs - no longer limbs and nerves - but rounded and compact, as you have never seen them - with swelling muscles and throbbing veins I could not help wishing more than ever that I were not a soldier.

No - I did not wish that - but - but that for a time at least I might be a citizen. Perhaps you would not desire so but if I must be as I have been for a few days an invalid on account of

burn back. - But then just remember Darling, it is by no means serious - only troublesome. How I would like to come to your bedside now. I hope that if I am ever permitted to return home, I may surprise you in your sleep -

W W Douglas

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Dear Mother  
I was with a friend  
with another  
X X X  
X X X  
X X X  
X X X  
I have been thinking of those kind of people  
I was with a friend  
with another

Douglas  
Douglas

Amphipoda  
Copepod  
Larva

near camp  
of Col. King's Regiment  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1862

Battle of Perryville Va  
Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1862

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