

Dear Del,

Flensburg Co Ky. Sept.

I take this the first opportunity I have of letting you know of my whereabouts. I arrived here last evening in good health and spirits. Found the boys all well and very glad to see me some of them are like your self they think the time passes a great deal faster when I am with them than when I am away. I had a good chase before I caught up I was five days on the road. We are encamped out here in the woods hunting bushwhackers who have been murdering burning and stealing all over this section of Ky. for some time past. I do not expect we will find them as all they want is plunder and are not disposed to run to great risks even to get that. We will have plenty of hard riding to do, but little fighting and run but little risk except of getting bushwhacked. We will probably remain in this section of Ky. till our time is out.

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I commenced this several days ago, but just as I was fairly started, I received

an order to report for special duty
at (Magers Head) quarters. I threw
the paper in my trunk and rode
down expecting to be back in the
evening if not before. but did not
till last night. I was sorry as
I knew you would be very anxious
to hear from me. I was sent foraging
for the Batt. and succeeded very
well capturing all the corn and
roots the teams could draw.

The old Rebs did not like it very
much but could not help it - as I had
a guard of 50 men to enforce my
orders. I expect to go again this
evening about 50 miles from here
to arrest some men who murdered
four Union men near here a few
weeks ago. I shall be gone four or
five days, and may see some
fighting as they will not be taken
if they can avoid it in any way.
I feel quite homesome without you
indeed I secretly know how
I will stand it for six months
but will leave it to I suppose. I am
as pleasantly situated as it is possible
for me to be in the army and I trust
you should like it very well. I trust
~~you are~~ you are enjoying your self

as well as possible. And you must
not allow my being in the army trouble
you as it will not be long till I shall
be free when you will see me often
enough. When you write direct to
Camp Barnett Flemming Ky.
Via Mayeville and it will reach here
some time. I find it pleasant to
think of you Pet- which I do when
ever alone. and often in company.
I know that I have some one to
love me which is all I want
I am promising myself all the
pleasure it is possible for me to
enjoy in the future. I shall expect
to hear from you often and will write as
often as I can. I am writing this
in the woods & on the ground
with a log for a desk which is the
best Ky affords. I will try and
send you another better by next
mail. Give my love to all at home
tell them I should like to hear from
them very much. Now mind Pet-
write me a dear good letter
Your loving husband
Steve Clark

P.S. When the roads get bad
They may move us back to the
river and if they should properly
I may get to come and see you
or you can come and see
me. But I will keep you posted
as to our movements

Steve