

H H Guiteaw Letter

Carthage Tenn

March 26, 1863

Dear Sister,

I got your letter of the 18th and was glad to hear from you it found me on the sick list not able for duty. I have been sick most of the time since I have been here my complaint is mostly the diarrhea [sic] and a kind of inward fever but I am getting better now so that I can eat some. I shall be able for duty in a few days if I have no more bad luck. there [sic] [sic] is more men sick in our Regt. than there ever was before. There [sic] has been about twenty five died since we have been here and I suppose there will be a good many more die for there is a great many more sick in the hospital. we [sic] have only lost one out of our company. his [sic] name was Jonathan West he was a very poor half witted fellow and lived on fifteen. he [sic] had a wife an [sic] some children. he [sic] died with the measles [sic]. that [sic] is what kills most of our men. George is in the hospital sick. I believe he has got the typhoid [sic] fever but he was better this morning I feel in hopes he will get along after while. the [sic] 11 Regt done a very good job yesterday. they [sic] went on a scout night before last and came in last night with 34 Rebs and 60 horses and mules. they [sic] took them without firing a gun so you see we are troubling them some.

[illegible] Regt went out foraging the other day. they [sic] took 36 wagons with them. they [sic] got them filled with corn and fodder and some blades. I think they done first rate. they [sic] got back about 9 o'clock. [sic] they [sic] were fired on once by some cavalry but no one was hurt. our [sic] boys returned the fire but they were to [sic] far off to hit them. well [sic] as I don't [sic] know what to write next. you [sic] seem to think I ought to send my likeness [sic] home. well [sic] I tell you I have had no chance to get it taken since I left Marietta. there [sic] was an artist at casts mouth but it was always crowded (crowded). So I could not get it taken. there [sic] was one set up in camp when we were at Nashville but he only got to work just before we left so you must not blame me. if [sic] I live and have a chance I will send it home. so dont [sic] [illegible] for any more about that. I hope you had a good time down in VA how does the [2 illegible words] down there. is [sic] there any single ones left and who are they. I should like to know for I may write to some of them. I got a letter from Ed last night. he [sic] says he dont [sic] know what the girles [sic] will do in Salem if all the boys are drafted. well [sic] I must close. I hope you will excuse this letter for it is poorly written. I am so weak and nevous [sic] I cant [sic] write at all. write [sic] soon as you get this. youre [sic] letter came through in six days No more this time

Your brother

H. H. Guitteaw