

Letter 7 to his father

Camp King Near Decherd  
Station July 13th 1863

Dear Farther

I received your very welcome letter last night and now will reply to it as it is rumored that we are going to leave here tomorrow morning and I would not get a chance to write you a letter for some time if we leave here I do not know where we will stop as we do not know when or where we will stop. there is nothing of importance going on at present that I know of the Army is lying quiet in these parts we do not get to heare of any news that comes from the front. It is reported that General Bragg is gone to reinforce Lee but I do not credit the report, the late papers say that Bragg is on the south side of the Tennessee River at Bridgeton for my part I cannot say. We have been lying here since the 8th. We could not move on account of the roads being so very bad and our supply train would not follow us. WE are now on the March about three weeks and no prospects for going into a regular camp. I believe I told David about our skirmish at Hoovers Gap and the March from Murfreesboro on to this place . Since I commenced to write this heard that Colonel Loomis of the 1st Michigan Battery Now chief of Artillery in our Division is ordered to the Army of the Potomac for Duty and I tell you if he gets a sight at a rebel Battery and has a good gun it will not fire many shots afterwards. He is one of the best artilleriests in this Department and if he leaves us we lose a good man but it is all for the Country and we do not grumble any. When you or any of you write let me know Joes address and I will write to him. Did Abe Long run away this time or did he hide to keep from the rebels the poor coward. Why I am ashamed of him such a big fellow as him to stay at home when boys not half as old as him is in the Army I will not say any more about him as he is not worth talking about, as it is near grub time and I am hungry I will close in good health hoping you and the rest of the family is, give my love to Mother brother and sisters write soon your affectionate son

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