

Nov. 6, 1863  
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*(Envelope is postmarked Nashville, Ten. Nov. 8, 1863 with 3-cent stamp. Letter is on one sheet of stationery folded in half and is written on four sides in ink.)*

Stevenson, Ala.  
Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1863

My Dear Wife –

Yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> the latter from the bedside of father were recd this morning – The regt. has had a mail four days in succession & probably we shall be favored with some regularity now – I notice that ours get home in about the same time yours occupy coming here – We had a very wet day yesterday – I waited till 9 o'clock for the mail – But the train was delayed & we did not get our letters until before breakfast this A.M. You speak of several things – 1<sup>st</sup> Those pants are not of much consequence – Latterly some of the officers have bought blue black – but the sky blue is most approved – I am quite satisfied with your course & shall not allow your determination hereafter not to serve me in a similar way – I think very highly of my good wives judgment & expect often to profit by it –

*(Pg. 2)* As for the straps & bugle I can get along without the latter – Have obtained a pair of the former & worn them once – They are on my best coat – The thing I most want is some money & don't wait another day if you have not already remitted – I wish you had risked two or three Dollars long since Hurry up on the greenbacks – do –

Yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> speaks in such a tone that I presume father is before now departed from the earth – I have been expecting everyday to hear of his death – Glad I wrote that hasty letter from Cowan – You see everything was packed & we were all at the Col. quarters – But Dr. who was writing gave me a sheet & envelope which I soon filled, thinking another opportunity might not occur for many days – I was intending to send him another note today – but guess it is not best – Have been busy all day on muster roll of company – We have to make out five – My third is nearly *(Pg. 3)* done – You see I was hindered some time by making a table & other calls this morning – I wrote one upon a box, sitting upon my bunk; but it was impossible to do it comfortably – It is astonishing how much writing we perform without the conveniences – When we stop at a new place we have neither seats or beds or tables, but after a while we provide ourselves with such things – Co. E. seems to be diminishing rapidly – At the rate they are getting discharges hardly a dozen will go through the three years – As you write from home, the boys remaining expressed themselves very warmly & kindly towards myself - They were not pleased with my successor – But he will do well & it will benefit them to know that they have an officer not of their own acquaintance originally – I have a good orderly Sergt. in Co. K – He renders me assistance on every occasion – I will tell you all about affairs from time to time – But just *(Pg. 4)* now my little finger is stiff from writing – You need

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not make yourself uneasy about us down here – We have got used to hard fare & irregular life – Dr. Terry this morning sent me a bottle of blackberry cordial which I shall keep for such times as my bowels get loose again if that happens – All irregularity stopped with me three days ago – I have now a good appetite & work as usual –

Charley Clark is still here, but will go back to Nashville tomorrow - The man in Co. G who was run over died last night – Two more have come up to K & now we number 46 present –

That box I shall look for in two or three weeks – Don't leave any crevices unfilled – Wish Ida would send me a little pen wiper – How much I could enjoy on evening with you at the hearthstone - This has been a beautiful day – so warm that I stripped off coat & vest to write – Was just comfortable getting in my tent – Should father be alive, when you receive this assure him of my tender affection – And now wife I do prize you, if you think otherwise Confident of your faithful love I offer only the same –

Ever yours

A. Upson