

Camp Whiteside Tenn  
August 20th 1864

My Dear Mother

I left Nashville on the fifteenth of this month and have ben with the Regiment ever since five Companyes have gon home the sixt(h) will go tomorrow leaving fore yet to mustered out the next will go on the fifth September then the Field and Staff will be mustered out the next two will go on the fifteenth and seventeenth of September leaving me to bring up the rear on the seventh of October when I will have completed my obligations with the the Goverment and take up my line of martch Northward we are doing nothing hear excepting guarding a bridge we are in the mountains and are verry healthy with plenty to eat peaches and huchelberryes and wild plums green corn and so forth I resieved a letter from Robert last weeke he was well I was in Chattanooga last weeke I saw Col McGarety and the Lieutenant Colonel of the 61st OVI the Col had his left arm off above the elbow and the Lieut. Col had his right leg off above the knee they boath give glowing account of Bob's performance on the field I think we will payed off in a few days I have hea(r)d from home for som time As their is nothing new hear I will close Give my love to all

Your most aft son

Wm.L.Patterson

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