

Bridgeport May. 5th 1864

Dear Sister, Clara

I first reciev'd a letter from you
Dated May the 28. So I set down
with plesher to R. write, & I am
well and have felt Rite Mart.
now ~~go~~ for a full day, we have
I not ben doing much we have
Kowl Coll Now & we haft to drill
little some days & git out timber
for a Stockade, it has ben rainy
wether here now for a full days,
I wro got a letter from you &
Marris. yesterday, I wrote Rite
back to her, I gess it cant be ~~so~~
that ben boody, is sed & as for
Dr. Ponchew he is here he is our
docter, there is a grate ster here
in the South they have had a
number battels & we are a gone
ing on them every time, but we

Write as today but I must be
leave your writing & know
are in a safe place & we shall
stay here probably all summer
bridgeport is well fortified there
is two forts a building & they have
cannon on the top of the fort pointed
towards the bridge. the bridge is 85 feet
long over the river. there is lot of
infantry here with cannon
Father I expect you will get the letter
I wrote the 30. of May & I sent \$1.
dollars by express. we will be
paid again by the first of July,
the boys have glee times here since
they were paid drink beer pay
ten cents a glass. by pies & cakes
they spend a great deal of money
but I have spent only 35. cents
and boat stamps with. I am bound
to pay my debts. but the boys
will ^{say} to me what is the use
of paying ^{debts} here in the army
I am going to spend my money

2 88000 In your 3 or 4

and have a good time while
I am here for if I should be shot
they say wat good would my money
do me to send it home, I told
them I did not care I would send it
home & if I should get kild it
would do some one some good, I
if should get home a live I would
have some thing to help me a long,,
we had a foot race the other day
a white man & a negro they
put up 30. dollars & there was
some side bets & they went down
on a flat a little way from camp.
Most the hole Regiment was there
to see them Run & the curnel
was there & they ground was part
of they road to Run 30. Rods they
was jist to each end & they
pooled ther boots & pants of & worn
with ther drowes on they Run
thru it the white betit the
it was a smart Race but

of have first showed me a good picture
Some men was not satisfied they thing think the
niger can bet the man yet
the whit man is a smart man
he offers to bet one hundred dollars
root but lots of his house flies.

well I shall have to stop writing
I do not make very good work
of it my ink is rather poor
& I dont write a very good
hand to day but I will try to
do better next time. you
Must write soon as you
get this. & here is a finger
Ring for you Charissa I dont
no whether it will fit you or my
I will fit you or Mother I guess
do good by write often

Ray, ede Mosher.
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S. Meck =
Madisonville Tennessee
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the house of women it looks on our at night to keep of the

here must be no we have



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