

Nashville, Tennessee

Cincinnati, Ohio, 4th Dec^r

Dear Mother I got your

letter this morn^g with the pleasure to write a few lines
to you & let you know that I am
well at present & I hope these few
lines will find you all well. I
received your letter three or four days
ago. I have been a meeting to get
some news about going home
but I cant hear much about it
but we have got through to work in
the fort we are not doing much
now, except they detail five or six
men every day to go down town
to work in the mill yard picking
up & piling ~~up~~ ^{up} & some part of
the Reg^t has turned over some of their
tools & they think we will be mustered
out now soon but we have not
got no orders to be mustered ^{out} yet.

& I don't know when we will
this is the meanest Regiment
they ever saw in the service
the officers dress & put on more
style than any that ever was
in the army, every some of our
officers have a horse to ride, &
to or three quarters to wait on
their heels, they have nothing to
do, not pay to black their boots,
best kind of grub & they have big
pay & all live home on furlows
what do they care about getting
out of the service, they don't
stay then not, I believe they are
trying to keep out as long as they
can, if they had sent our home
when we went to Washington we
could have done some thing but
now we have been here
laying round all summer
since to the government
but what do they care

but I shall have to stay,
do my best & ban.

Father you must get hay a knif
to get you this winter & keep the
sheep. I won't be there time to do
only thing a bout getting pay.

but I do not think of eney
more to write at present
except dot let nor but eney
of them be timber on my
lands that will saw logs or
rails or lumber

Real good by for
This time Write down
Let M. by out of for
Rayville Crocker

Mc. Master has got back
all city. I think he
would like to stay his
time out now

Write of soon as you
get this P. M.