

[K.K. Rector with Terry's Texas Rangers near Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Effie Watts in Texas]

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Miss E. A. W.  
Alum Creek PO  
Texas

Dear Effie

It has been a long long time since I have had a chance to write to you and had a rough time generally. Since we left Corinth, (which was a few days after the fight.) without accomplishing much [*much*] for considering the amount of exposure we had to undergo. We crossed the Tennessee river at the head of the Mussel Shoals, and a party of near eight hundred

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made up of three different commands went on a two day scout with two day ration and as we returned to the river the Yankees cut us off from our camp. They kept us on the retreat for five days and nights strait [*straight*] ahead without any rest. The Boys call the trip the mush campaign as we had to make mush in our tin cups without salt or sifting. We killed several; and took several prisoner on the trip. The prisoners seemed to be well pleased; getting out of the war in that way. Some of them said they were only fighting for pay.

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It is very seldom that we hear from Texas now, since the Yankees have New Orleans and can only send letters by persons going to Texas It has been a good while since I wrote to you; and a much [*much*] longer time since I recvd [*received*] one from you. So I am very anxious to hear from you. I don't know where we will go to from here; if you get a chance to send a letter by hand direct it to Tenn with the company and Regiment address as usual, I hope that the war will soon close so I can return home, but want peace and liberty restored to the

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confederate states first. As I have no news to write I will close  
I remain yours affectionately

K.K. Rector