

Letters are so welcome in Camp. Please direct when you do write to
Capt Ramsey
19th Regulars
Transsexuals Brigade
2d Division
Kentucky
"To follow the Army"
Very truly Yrs
Ramsey

Elizabethtown Ky -
Feb 21st 1862

My Dear Barrett.

I break a long, and on my part shameful, silence writing from a town through which our Union Army has sent its waves purging and driving off the rebel men and women who formerly inhabited it. Myself am stranded here. And in this wise. One week ago today our Division Genl McCook was ordered to march from Mumfordsville to West Point taking this town on its way. The plan was that at West Point we should take boats and go to the assistance of Grant. But on Saturday morning Genl Bull ascertained that Grant had all the men he needed and further Genl Mitchell whose Division had been pressed on towards Bowling Green to mask our movement from Green River found the Rebels evacuating. So we were ordered back to support him. Well, the

first days march was terribly severe the weather biting cold, the road all mud and the R.R. track upon which we chiefly went ballasted with rough "macadam" stones that cut into the feet as we went. It so happened that my Company had the right of the Division I walked I suppose pretty rapidly to the end of the days march and then was struck down with a deathly chill. So I took the cars and came here to await my Command. and have not felt well enough since to leave. - though I hope to go tomorrow.

As I write my wife is near me. So you see since I wrote you I have gone into the field and have married. And with my military and conjugal relations I am pleased. The profession of Arms suits me. And I am told by those competent to judge that I promise to make an officer.

The Company of the 19th to which I am assigned is the second in the first Battalion - an honorable position the more so as the Captain of the First Company is on Genl. Bull's Staff - Detached - leaving me the Senior Captain. We have been in the field since Oct 17th

and all the time upon the line of this, the L. & N. R.R. You will observe Mitchell's Division entered Bowling Green - an empty honor but provoking to us who had done all the Picket and Fatigue Duty on the Railroad over which he travelled. We have, all of us, large confidence in Genl. Buell though the brood of Brig. Genls. under him in Kentucky do not inspire much respect or confidence.

"The thunder" of Union triumphs "all around the sky" forebodes the downfall speedily I think of this Rebellion. At present it seems as if we should see no fighting. But you remember Milton's grand line. - "They also serve

Who only stand and wait"

I have written a very stupid and unsatisfactory letter. I have told you so little of myself and said so little of what I meant to say about other matters. I do wish I might see you and "talk over" the many things we have before talked over. But - the War is not ended. When it is I hope we may meet.

Be kind enough to remember me to Mrs Barrett and any of my friends in W. who may inquire for me. Will you not write me?



R. D. Mueser,

Feb 21, 1862.

