

Nashville Tennessee June 14th 1861

Dear Wife & Children

I am in good health at present but the hot weather makes me feel weak and I have not a very good appetite to eat. I eat very little this warm weather as our feet ~~poke~~ about do chafe very much. I received a letter from you last Monday and I was glad to hear that you was all recovering from the Measles. T. A. Reed says he has received a letter from my Moscow ladies. Sid has heard from Tom once or twice. He was well at last accounts. I hope you have paid off that Agle claim by this time. A bad accident happened to one of our men this week, the Regiment went out to Columbia and coming back a gun was fired laying down on the bottom of the Car it wounded 4 Men one of the had to have his leg cut off since, they did not belong

to our Company, it was careless, I was
with them on the Train. I wrote a letter or
days ago thinking Stan was going to leave
but he has stayed till to day and so I scrawled
off these few lines in a hurry & write often and
soon, I have not seen Malochia to tell her that
yet, John & Smith has got to be a regular
theatre goer since he got to be a Lieutenant,
I think his religion has gone under
I can write no more news

But remain

To Rachel & Dora

Your loving husband
John L. Bower