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Office Provost Marshal
Pulaski Tenn
Aug 8th/64

Dear Father

I have not received a letter from you since I have been in this office and that was on the 24th of July I don't understand it but I will write you again tonight at any rate -

I wrote Helen a short letter this morning and sent it by morning mail - I like my place here very well better than in the company although I do more work here in a half of day than I did in the company in a week and I feel better for having some thing to do I have better health than did Our Office is crowded all day long with all kinds of persons and all have different complaints to make If you have never had any thing to do with a General Provost Marshals Office you have very little idea what their duties are one comes in contact with every citizen for 24 miles around here and of course makes a good many Acquaintances also a good many Friends and Enemies We have now in Our Prison over 30 Citizens awaiting trial for being Guerrillas and Harboring same we shipped

travelling to Ashville yesterday (Sunday) for trial there
this country is full of Guerrillas and rebel spies.

I suppose you have heard that we were coming
to Indiana to vote they say at 60th Drs that we will
go if they do not need us any worse than they do
now and there is a report now that we will
go by Land to Kentucky to Hunt Guerrillas around
Columbus and Henderson until election and then
go over and vote in that way we will save our
Horses and that is just what we want to do
I wish you could see my Horse ^{he} is real fat now
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and he wants me to have the position of Sergeant
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Rumley is at home and has told you all

the news from the Regt I was glad to see
Senn get away and he may get his shoulder
cured up at Madison but I fear not Uncle
Dare ~~McClure~~ (as one Bayo called him) promised me
he would call and see you I find a good
friend in him in fact I have found several
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of our Regt will do any thing for one that
they can I only wish Col Gresham was Col
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of mine and I can get any thing I want
from him. I suppose D. C. B. has arrived home
by this time he stayed here some four or five
days he made us a sketch the night before
he left and it seemed like old times to hear
him again Ed Robinson came here with
him he looks well with the eagle perched on
his shoulder — I send you with this a
list of the Officers of our Regt I don't suppose
you will know many of them by the way
I met a friend of Genl Starkweather by the
name of Cameron last Wednesday night
he left Milwaukee Monday night he said he
was well acquainted with Berne's son

and the family he says they were well
when he left he seemed very glad
to make my acquaintance and said
he would tell them about us when he ~~came~~
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close now it is late

Good Bye

Yr aff Son

J. B. Safford

W. H. Good and Carl

Palmer, Tenn

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Co "H", 10th Ind Cav

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