

Patterson Mo Nov 10th 1862

Dear Mother

Uncle Jessie got hear safe and sounde laste tuesday he seemed verry much pleased with his visite and I assure you your letter was verry acceptable as that is the third one I have received since I left home. It left Pilot Knob last sunday morning and traveled about 10 miles halting at about 2 o'clock till munday morning ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{the} witnessesd sumpthing that morning that Anver saw before nor want to see again they drummed three men out of the service for stealing. it seems that on sunday after noon they fell out of their companies and went to a house not far from the road and broke open a trunk stealing a coat several pictures and a discharge from the army the owner followed them up and when we camped pointed them out to the Col. they wer courtmarshaled that night the jury consisted of ten privates one from each company nobody

What their decision was till next morning just
as we were going to start the regiments (Band 18th)
~~was~~ were formed in marching order they were
ordered to left face and the drums and fifes
commenced playing at the head of the column and
pretty soon they came marching past the three
men marching abreast with their hands on each
others shoulders a guard on each side with muskets
trailing and the bayonet a half foot ahead of the
prisoners and three guards behind also their
arms the band playing the rogues march and
the regiments hissing and hooting them the team
came in the series of one before they reached
the bottom after it was over the Col. told them
that the next man he heard stealing he would
serve the same way. ~~the~~ that day we made about
15 miles and just as we were starting next morning
Gen Benton and staff caught up Uncle Jess with
them I should have seen Uncle Jess had not he got
back when we left the Knob. till father his lobes
was the most acceptable thing he could have sent
me as I had been out for a couple of days I am
also very thankful for that scarf I rode on
very bad till I id to write and Lizzie to I have
written to both and have not heard a word from
either yet is Uncle new getting well. Uncle
went back to the Knob day before yesterday to see
about some waggon we expect to march tomorrow
or next day. I think we go south west. the general

impression is that we will go right through
the same country they did last winter and get
back to Helena in the spring. I have not time
to say more as I am busy today write soon and
tell the rest to do the same

Yours &c

William A. Scott.