Fort Morton, Nashville Tenn
August 27 - 1864

Dear brother

I was in hopes when I wrote last that we would be starting for home about this time but we are not likely to start for a number of days yet, We are sure that the Orders to muster this Regt out are at General Thomas Head Quarters and why they are not sent to the Regt we do not know We have been expecting them every day for a good while but they have not come yet, I suppose it will take 8 or 10 days to make out the papers & muster us out after we get the order, then we will go to the state & stay there 8 or 10 days before we get our discharge so you see it will

I think 65 dollars, The express charges was paid there, I do not know how much that was, most all the boys paid 2 dollars, or are to pay next pay day, we borrowed the money till then of some of the boys that did not send theirs home.

The weather here is very dry. every thing is all drying up it has been most two months since we have had much rain here, it has rained all around us a number of times & would come near enough to us to sprinkle a little but that was all We had a very cool spell 2 or three days last week, so cool that fire felt good in the morning, but it is very warm again now

Our spring has dried up & we have to draw all of our water with a team, comes from the river & is miserable, not fit to drink

I am on guard to day, do not have to be on every night as I may one while, that was when they were at work & I thought it would be easier for me than to go out to work as I was quite unwell, my health is better now

Now B write as soon as you get this I shall expect a letter the last of this week

John