SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA

Fort Morton Barracks Nashville

Thursday Sept 21st/65

Dear brother

I had about made up my mind not to write again, but as I am on guard this morning (got up at 2) and want something to busy myself about I will write a fiew lines & let you know how we are prospering, Our muster out rolls are all finished, and have been approved

We expected to have been mustered out yesterday but was rather late when we got ready & the mustering Officer did not come,- expect to be mustered out this morning

The talk now is that we leave here Saturday, if so we will be in the State Monday or Tuesday next if we have no bad luck

The boys were all released from prison last Tuesday - ours Co, did not have any trial came out all well

The weather has been quite cool for a fiew days past,- had a light storm last Sunday - the 17th which we called the equinoxial storm, the wind was in the west during the day - shifted to the north the next day & cleared off very cold.

I slept with a blanket over me that night & have since although it has not been very cold since the first night.

The boys do about as they are a mind to now & have a pretty high time, those that are in the habit of drinking indulge pretty freely now & are drunk a good deal of the time, One fellows got on a spree day before yesterday & has not been to camp since, we suppose he is in the lock up but do not know where he is, He is a very ugly fellow when he is drunk and may have got to fighting with some one &

got killed, There is a good many here that dont think much of takeing a mans life, It will cause him a good deal of trouble besides loosing his pay if he is not here to muster out with us, Our pay rolls are all made out & when we get to the state will only have to wait for the pay master to figure up the amount due each man & pay us off, three days I think will be time enough,

(The end)

JOHN