

Decatur, Alabama, June 28

Miss "Hearley"

Dear Friend

I promised to write to you and
Mr. Wood but have failed to
do so until the present time.
I will now endeavor to redeem
my promise. I am in tolerable
good health the extreme hot
weather that we are having
does not really agree with
me but I guess I shall be
used to it before long.

you will
remember the afternoon that
I bid you all good bye at
Cairo the next morning at 2
o'clock we went on board the
boat and started up the Ohio

We arrived at Paducah Ky at
sunrise we reported to the commander
of the Post and were ordered
to land and march double
quick in to the Fort as the
Rebels under Gen Forrest were
driving the pickets in at the
time. Well we got in to
Fort in a hurry by that time
the Rebs were in sight of us
but they soon learned that
we were too strong for them
so they sent in a flag of
truce to obtain permission to
bury their dead who were
~~killed in the~~ on the day
before. He remained in the
Fort all day expecting
a fight every minute but
the Reb thought it would not
pay so he went off towards
night and at 9 P M
we went on Board the Pa

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again and the next day
at noon we started up the
Tennessee River. We came
up as far as the shoals at
a place called Waterloo in
this State and from there
marched by land to this
place about 75 miles arrived
here on the 8th of April and
have been here ever since
We were ordered to leave once
and marched out 12 miles
and then came back again
I think now we shall stay
here all summer

I have
often thought of you and
Mrs Wood's folks it used to
seem like getting home
to visit them with you I
hope all are well I should
like to see the little Girls
also Mr & Mrs Wood & yourself

but I suppose it will be
sometime before I shall
have that pleasure one thing
however is sure I shall
allways remember all of you
with respect and esteem
I should be glad to
hear from Mrs Wood
yourself by letter when
it is convenient to you
may direct to Co F 32
Reg W's Vol Via Nashville
to Decatur Ala give
my Best respects to Mr
Wood & Mrs Wood remember
me to the little ones
accept my Best Wishes
for yourself

Very Respectfully your friend

Oscar Wood

Miss Mary Hanley
Cairo

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