

guess that you have ceased him
so to say and he sees there is so
much for Jeff to do at home that
he don't like to leave Jeff to do it all
well I wish the war was over
then the boys could get home to
tend to the farms again and so
their sweethearts again well I have
no more to say only you tell
Jeff a ~~lover~~ Lorna to write
to me for Luand. here from
Mm I Give my respects
to you and your family so no
more at present from yours
Obedient servant W. E. Laurel
With Love

Direct to W. E. Laurel
Co. A 7 16th Inf
Carey
W. E.

Camp Near Corinth, Miss.
August 31st 1862

Dear Sir

It is with pleasure that I send myself to
write these few lines to you hoping that
when you receive them that you will be
enjoying good health as the letter came me
at present I received your letter yesterday
and was glad to hear from you all that
was sorry to hear that you and your brother
James had been sick, since I have been
down here we have shifted our camp 4
times since since we received our pay
we are right in the spot where I want to
be we are on the Sandy road about a
mile and a quarter from Corinth the
country men come in every day with
peaches and watermelons they fetch in
loads of them at a time the rest of our
our camp rests on the road and we stop
all the wagons that come in and if we
don't make things right it is a caution
we have been at the camp over a

neck and I don't think I would stretch
the blanket one bit if I ~~and~~ said I
have eat a barrell of peaches since I
have been here for in fact I have not
eat ~~werley~~ anything else and they don't
sent me one particle there is 2 months
pay due me for day \$24.00 ~~the~~ dollars
I think Solverson pays pretty well
Not doing much of anything much and
getting 12 dollars a month and board
and clothes and then I get pay for
all the time I was home then learning
to drum in the bargin and the
lessons not costing me anything I am
going to stick to it as long as I can
and when I can't stick to it any
longer I suppose I will have to quit
I can tell you what is so it is a pretty
hardish thing to send money home from
here the. Dollars break in once
in a while and tear up the railroad
track but I have concluded that if
sent it home and the train got

taken I would loose it and
if that I kept it here I must
spend it and get sick and that
would be worse than loosing it
So I have concluded to send my
money to you then I would spend it
and get sick on every track I came
to, I have kept my ~~to~~ back as
yet about drinking whiskey. I am
going to stick to it I wonder if
millet will do the same. It is not
very hot weather down here. This morn
it is quite cool & day we are mowed
for pay but we don't receive
pay the day it may be a month or
2 before we receive our pay. you
say that there is only 1 or 2 young
men in the neighbor hood and I
suppose that they have staid at
home to get married but if I was
a girl I wouldn't have them they
should show their spunk first but
I don't blame Murrett for