

*Weather in Memphis  
Civil War 1862*

Memphis, Tenn. August 24, 1862

Dear Mother, Your letter of the 9th came to hand in due time, but I have not had time to answer it sooner, having been busily engaged for the last 8 or so days in making out clothing accounts and muster pay rolls. You said in your letter that you feared that the hot weather of this climate would disagree with me and perhaps cause a relapse of disease. *health* This don't seem to be the case, however, as I never had better health in my life than I have had since we came to Memphis. Neither did I ever experience as pleasant weather in the month of August even in Ohio. There is constantly a refreshing breeze stirring and the nights sometimes uncomfortably cold. Mr. Whitside of Camden left here yesterday for home. He came down several days ago to see his son who was sick in Hospital. He was so nearly recovered, however, when his Father left as to be walking about. I believe this to be a very healthy country. J. Campbell looks better than I ever saw him before. There are rumors afloat almost every day of an expected attack. Whether there is any probability of such an occurrence or not I don't know but in case of such an event it's my opinion that there will be somebody hurt. We hold quite a strong position here now. There are about 3000 niggers at work here throwing up breast works and have been ever since we came here and I don't know how long before.

Generals Bragg and Price with their forces are reported as being at Grand Junction gradually advancing on Memphis. Citizens who pretend to know confirm the report and say that the city will be in the rebels possession within ten days. I don't think Gen. Sherman will agree to it since I think he rather likes the place and intends to stay here. I received a letter from Mrs. Carroll yesterday. All night in that quarter when she wrote. By the same mail I got one from Corra. The day before one from a friend in Camden. This was something I wasn't used to, but I didn't faint and in fact think I could stand such another shock. Tell Corra that I will answer his letter soon. Our regiment is still attached to Sherman's Division and ML Smith's Brigade. Nothing more at present but will be more prompt in answering your letter in future. Give my respects to Father.

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