In Camp near Tarkiln Rd.
Oct 12th, 1862

My dear family,

It is cloudy and cold today, Sunday.

This morning we were called up early to march for some place but we have not started yet. How soon we shall have to go I don’t know, but probably in a day or two. I went to meeting at 10 o’clock, then I went to see some of the wounded Rebels about here, I cannot but feel sorry for them; for I believe they would have been as loyal to stay as any of us had it not been for the few who have deserted them.

How do you think you would like to sit on the ground and write a letter, with a plate for a desk?

Concerning Talor, work on the barn, he was to make the sheep rack and lay the floors in the job, the work around the sheep stable is extra. We will let this extra go until you hear from me again, and also the flour. Be very careful you don’t play for your uncle to fasten and if it is necessary to kill wheat to help your self do so and make yourself comfortable if you can.