

Big Black River Miss
June 9th 63

Dear Mollie

At last your very interesting epistle of May 1st has come to hand. I imagine my pleasure on receiving said epistle. After two long months had elapsed. and not one word from Mollie, I have a notion of bringing suit against the P.M.

Have almost concluded that you had forgotten that there was such a personage as Peck in the land of the living. "And living". Suppose you have already come to the conclusion that I yet live - and am in fine spirits. Have so much to do could not be otherwise. Have scarcely time to eat my allowance of Crackers and bacon. and enjoy a Cigar of evenings - Are making out reports (for the Brigade) of the part taken in the ^{late} action. Some of these days will furnish you with one - his is mine. The fight and Siege of the City is progressing fairly this being the 9th day of the siege. Our forces now have as good fortifications as they have - Deserters say that all the Rebs have to eat is ground peas and a little bacon they will doubtless soon surrender. We have an interesting line at this point. The one my. Constantly manœuvring our lines we are

guarding the rear of the Army. It is reported that
Joe Johnson is going to drive us away from
Vicksburg. but that's played out. we don't
drive well -

The weather is very warm here and getting
moreso. Fruit is ripe - such as plums, black
berries and we are having a nice time -
for war times -

I send you some roses from the battle ^{field} ground
of Champion Hill, Thompsons Hill. & Black River
that I gathered for that purpose in time of
the Battle -

Will take the Crop of tobacco. please state the
terms. Don't let them that the professors were
going to lock their knowledge from the world.

Was my friend H. Osborn man about the draft.
hope that there wont be a young man left in
all Kosierden.

You say that Old Kosier would be much more
cherry. Could the absent ones be recalled - There is
one of them that you can recall. if you wish.
I have come to the conclusion that you prefer short
letters (As you always write that kind.)
And wishing in all cases to grant your request.
I remain Yours Devotedly
Henry.

P.S. Please write soon I am dying to hear from you