



Aug 13th 1862

camp near Balivias Tenn
 dear cousin Mary it is
 with much pleasure
 that I this pleasant
 morning take up my pen

to write you a few lines to let you
 know that I am well at present &
 enjoy soldiers life well I hope
 these few lines may soon reach
 you & find you enjoying the
 same state of health & spirit. Mary
 I'd write to you before now but I
 didn't know where to direct to so you
 wouldn't get it. dear friend I would
 like to see you & all the rest of the
 friends. do you remember when
 & where we seen each other the last
 time. I think it was one year ago

last 2nd of July in warren. little
 did we then think wed be so far
 apart in les then a year but I
 hope well see each other again before
 long. I havint seen cousin abe. & gabe
 & george for a lang long time. an
 rebecca. was at our house Just a few
 days before I went to war they said
 the boys had enlisted in the 19th regt
 regt & an also your husband. I havint
 heard from them since anely that
 they are in bewells Division I believe
 they was in the battle of shiloh I
 was there to. so our regt. campd
 there awhile after the fight & also
 the 19th. but we the camp was agood
 ways a part & I wanted to go & find
 whare they was but I cant get
 no pass nor chance to go & find

them. nor I couldn't hear what
they was doing as whether they
was alive or not. We seen some
boys of the 18th reg. but they
didn't know anything about them
I don't know where the 18th
reg. now is. but I hope the
boys are all well & in good
health I had a letter from
home last week the folks are
well there. we have good times
here & plenty to eat. I will
now close my writing for this
time hoping these few lines
may soon come to your hands
when they leave me. no more
but to remain your friend
W. E. Fulk. write as soon as you can
direct to W. E. Fulk, Bolivar Tennessee
Co. 20th O. reg. care Capt. Downs

when you write please
 tell me where the boys
 are if you know & where to
 direct to. I send my best
 respects to you & all the rest
 of my friends, if any there
 be.

W. Edward Fells
 to Mrs. Mary Yanses
 Good by good by