

Camp Battle Creek on the
Bank of Tom river
State of Tenn
July the 5. 1862

Dear Father and Mother and Brothers
and Sisters I take this an other
Opportunity to inform you that
I am well at present and i hope
that these few lines may find you
the same. I was a thinking yester
day of the good times the all the boys
in Porter township was having
but still i would not swap places
with them. that is not for good.
I would like to be at home for
a few days. but i would not
take a discharg for a hundred Dollars
the ~~no~~ longer I soldier the better
I like it. we hade some shooting
here for the forth we fired 10
Batterys that is 14 cannons and 1 roundy
to each cannon

Would rather you should write
on the letters to me now I do
not know which it is
I suppose that my harvest is abated
over in Ohio last year on the 1st day
of this ~~month~~ on the 1st of June
I was a witness to a Mr. S. D. Brooks
- it appears that you ~~are~~ ^{are} well
of it very well in the 1st of June
went there I haders being in the
the dawn from the field that was
the 2nd day of August. Just one year
ago to day I want you to write
to me as soon as you get this letter
I think that you have got the
35 dollars that I sent for I saw in
one of the Portsmouth papers that
it had got there safe that ^{is} in safe
in Portsmouth and that is all most
home we have bin a living one half
ration for a while now weeks but we got
half rations last night.

I heard that if you
had decided to go
to see for
but instead is he
I don't see

you

was Pouchot

I Brothers and Sisters
I will say to you all to be
good children & go to
work all you can

I'm sure you will be
all they tell you to do that by
the time we get home we may
have done our share of making
living & if I do not get killed
in the war and you go to
school and improve and praise God
no more at present yours
Louis Pouchot

I wish you to write to
send us your receive this letter
I have sent 8 or 9 letters to father
and mother and I have not get
but I get for the week you
I wish you would let me
if I get them clothes
that I can send home to you
and write if you get them 10
I don't in money that I send
to you or not tell all the
girls that I send my best
respects to them all
no more at present your
affectionate Brother Louis Pouchot
to Mary Jane Pouchot

Sarah and I will write a few
lines to you as I have nothing
to do at present I want you
to be a good girl the next
letter that mother sends to me
tell her that I want her
to tell you so
going to school or not and
I want to know how many
whippers you have got this
winter and how you like your
teacher Sarah and I want you
to learn fast as you can
no more my Dear sister
yours I your Brother

Lewis Pouchot

i think that
the last letter
i wrote you
was dated wrong
it was written

July the first

and i think that i dated it the
18th June