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but I have learned not to
make calculations for the
future. If God will, we will
do this or that is all that we can
say. The war now appears to me
to be longer than at first
and if three or four years will
excuse us from the ranks it
will be as much as I expect

But we ought to trust more
implacably in Him who alone
can bring order out of ^{our} confusion
we know that all things ^{are} for
the best and the greater the
was the more real good will
be accomplished by it

Are there any of the boys
going from Plymouth to volunteer
now I should like to go with
a company of the Ohio boys
but I cannot get a transfer
(without I could get a Commission)
from Gov. Tod to make up a
company But I must close

for want of time
My best regards to all friends
Your Aff. Bro. J. Burth

P.S. If you have got more than one likeness
of me or please I can return
one since we left Cairo
I should have had an opportunity of getting
one since we left Cairo

Camp near Jackson Tenn
Aug. 12th 1862
Dear Sister Mary
I recd yours

& Sibbie's letter and I should
of answered sooner but we
have been moving about
so much, that I could
not very well answer

We have just returned
from camp at Toombs
Station (last night) where
we have been for about
three weeks or more guard
R. R. track (about seven miles)
We had a good time there
had Apples Peaches Green Corn
Beef Pork Mutton (fresh) and
all the good Turkey and
good Chicken fixings.
We expected an attack

while there from the guerrillas
but they were kept off
by our scouts. they had
quite a little battle killing
about twenty. Now are in
camp one half mile west
of town. in a shady
grove (in our old camp^{ground})
The Colonel of the regiment
and brigade are and a
scout, but, they are now
on they are now on their
way back from Brownsville
about 23 miles from here
we look for them this eve
We expect to receive two
months pay when they
return. Capt. Brush has been
appointed Maj. and is now
in command of the Regt.
Our Col. Bowler is acting
brigadier Gen. but is now

under arrest for marking
his men too hard, several
of which I understand
have died in consequence
of it. I rec'd a letter
from Sam at last, written
Aug 2nd he had been
with his Co. two weeks
he was well and living
high. he said I had
been unwell for a few
days past

Oh how I ~~how~~ I should
like to be at home again
More than four years
have past since I left
you about fifteen months
of which have been spent
in the U.S. service. This is
more than double the
time that I expected to
be absent from home