



Camp Shiloh Columbus, ^{Geo.}

May 19th 1862

Sister Caffield

I received your letter some days ago, and I would have written to you before this but it waits for me to give an excuse -

We are at Columbus yet and there is no tilting when we will leave, for we have not received all of our equipage yet; we have our guns and horses, but have no harness; so we can not do much at drilling until we get harness, and we will not leave this place until we are fully equipped.

I have not been out to

Dr. Grant & since are hard
bun in camps; but I
saw Dr. and lady in town
last Wednesday and I saw
Dr. Grant on Friday also,
they all were well.

There is no news of general
interest, I believe that most
every body are looking out
to hear of a big fight either
Richmond or Corinth, or at
both places.

I am enjoying fine health
I have not fattened but been
by five pounds since I have
been in camp.

Give love to all

Your brother
J. G. Austin