

Sunday 19th

to day is an warm pleasant
day. it seems to lead to be
thived up here in the Hospital
such nice pleasant weather
I want to be out in the
fresh air & at liberty as I
would be if I was at home
as at my Regt. I couldnt
get a pass to day. But I am
a going out by & by I can
do what we call running the
Blockade. that is to climb out
of the back window & crawl
through the fence. then if the
guard dont see us we are all
right & if they see us then
I for the guard house.

But they want get me in
the guard house. these
guards have been soldiers long
enough to catch a fellow
that has run the gauntlet
as I have (thru all this time) add

McClellan Hospital

Shiloh April 18th 69

Dear Mother

I received your
letter at the 17th this morning
& was glad to hear from you
& began to think that I never was
going to get another letter from
home again it has been a while
it seems since I have heard from
any of you untill to day and
only hoping letters come stragg-
ling a long. I dont see why
it is that they did not come.
I got other letters from Shiloh
but none from home. I wish I
could have got that letter
from Emergence I desire I.

had all most forgot that there
was such a thing as earth
tell her to write again and
I will answer it immediately with
out fail. What is the old
cat is mate doing and is
Mynnie so long is she at
work there as is she trying to
catch that Peddy? You said
that Sarah told you that she
had been down to eggs and
saw the Baby. you dont mean
to say that Ke's folks have
got a Baby do you?
I declare, there is some queer
things going on in Shintones
they say Mary Ward is going
to teach our school this sum-
mer. I wish I could be
at home this summer I
would have lots of fun
I would go to school every day.

you wouldnt know how to
whip me to make me go
either as you used to do
Do you think you would?
But I guess there is no danger
for I dont expect to get my
discharge this summer. if I do
I shall have it soon for they
are examining here soon and
they discharge all the worst
cases and all that are not very
bad off they detail to do
light duty in and cannot
the hospital. I shall either
get discharged as detailed for
duty here and that is better
than to go to my Regt for I
have done all the fighting I
am a going to do I guess
that it is Bed time I will
finish this in the morning