

In Camp near Franklin  
Jan. 21. 1864

My Dear Laura

I received your Letter with Fiddie's  
Ambrotype this morning, and I am sure  
I never was more pleased to get a Letter  
in my life, and as the mail close down  
for New Orleans I thought I would write  
a few lines, although it is but a short  
time since I wrote, and have nothing  
new to write. I am glad to see Fiddie  
looking so well & so smart, his progress  
in reading is certainly uncommon, how happy  
we shall be together, "when this cruel war is over."  
We have heard that Col. Thomas was to come here  
with the men for the Regiment on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this  
month & we shall look for him soon. I have  
watched for him with great anxiety, & shall be  
glad to see him. I had my likeness taken for you  
a few days ago at a cheap army shop - the  
only one about here. I hope that as soon as you  
feel like it - you will get a good Photograph of your-  
self & Fiddie, & send one of each to me, & get 5 or six