

Not know how long he shall
remain here probably some time
I hope I may live to see this
unholy rebellion brought to a
close when peace & prosperity shall
reign in our borders Remember
me in your prayers that I may
be spared to see this

It is getting dark and shall be
obliged to close as we have no
candle you will excuse
my letter I have no ink or
conveniences to do any thing with
hope to have soon

Write me as often as
possible it does us good to
receive letters from our friends
Direct to Lieut G Burt
of Capt Hutchinson, Co B, 103 Regt
OVS

Camp Mitchell
Yours James

Camp Mitchell } Sept 14th 1862
Kentucky }

Dear Brother & Sister
I embrace the first opportunity to
write you a few lines in answer
to one I received from you just
before I left home. We are in
Old Kentucky near the enemy's
line. It has been very exciting
ever since we came here, a battle
was expected here every day troops
were pouring ⁱⁿ by the thousands & day
our forces lay on their arms by
day and at many nights the
rebels were within 2 miles of us.
We have a force it is said of over
75000 men and very strongly
fortified and they concluded it
was not best to make an attack
and have retreated back some