

ten miles probably with the
intention of driving our forces
from their strong hold.

But the report comes this afternoon
that they are to attack us on our
right wing near the Ohio river
as Buell is driving them back this
morning if this is so it is thought
they will be obliged to surrender
Our boys are all anxious for a fight
I can see no reason why the rebels
cannot be cleaned out of Old
Kentucky very soon.

I have been out on picket duty
since I came here it is rather
dangerous business I think we had
nothing to cover us or lie on the
company that was with us shot
one or two rebels. We all returned
safe into camp. We expect to go
again tomorrow. My health has
been good since I went into

Camp till within a day or two
I was taken sick at my stomach
with a diarrhea but am better
to day think I shall be able to
do duty tomorrow perhaps you
would like to know how I like
a soldiers life. I cannot say I
fancy it much. We have faced
hard since we came here having
no tents exposed to all kinds
of weather it was pretty rough
it has made good many sick
when we get our tents it will be
better for us. I have seen something
of the destruction and desolation
war has produced in these parts
our camp is on land owned
by a noted secesh who is a
Major in the rebel army and
what seems a little remarkable
his house is occupied and is
head Quarters of forces. I do