

Near Crab Orchard Ky.

Oct 16th 62.

My Dear Barrett

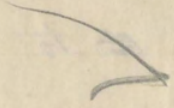
I write hurriedly on my knee a few lines that may never reach you - for there are no envelopes to cover them nor regular mails to carry them.

You have read the affair at Chaplain's rights the other day. In it Gen's Buell and Gilbert showed themselves ~~to be~~ to be

- 1^o Cowards, or
- 2^o Imbeciles, or
- 3^o Traitors.

Every officer in the Army feels - ^{now} knows that Bragg was in our grasp there if Gen's B or Gen's G had either of them done their duty. But so far were they from helping Gen's McCook & Raussean ~~and~~ in their fight - 3 hours of it harder, so says McCook a good judge of fighting, than Shiloh - that Gilbert actually withdrew a Division which was on McCook's Right and held it, while the fight was going on. If Gen Buell is not removed by the President - immediately - the Army will go to the Devil. In fact we all believe that Gen B is playing into Bragg's hands. Desertions are alarmingly frequent. The men are so disgusted at having to march & march and never have a winning fight under a Traitor. I'll write fully when I get where I can. I'm A.D.M.

R. D. Murray,
Oct 6, 1862



P. S. I have just got in well
to fact - In fact it will
Buell -

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