We got a mail today but no letter came for me for which I am especially sorry as if we March thus may be delay our difficulty in getting our mail. The news from the New York and more all the elections which were held on Thursday is very cheering, with the exception of New Jersey which still seems to be under Copperhead influence. I hope nothing will be said to outsiders about the matter I mentioned in my last, if it should not be deemed proper. I have been so long away from home that I am not up in politics, and don't know how things are going. I tell Mr. Howard to write me about it as soon as he can. Fare well. Miss all the Omans. My best wishes.

T. H. Brown

Camp Near Washington
Nov. 5th, 1863

My Dear Augusta: Our camp has not been moved since I wrote you last. It is between the two railroads, and is called Camp Near Three Mile Station. The station is on the Washington railroad. There are many rumors circulating in camp of a move west and in fact it was generally believed that we would move in this. It is said we are to make an eleven days' march, but nobody can tell if this be so or if so when we are going. Some say we are going to Urbana, but this is very low down on the Ohio river, and it does not seem possible for us to go there. Yesterday I got an order to see that the regiment was fully sup-
fled with retreating troops and that they were all in good order. That this means we can't guess, unless it is intended to lead the line from New Baltimore to the Occoquan lines and the gap of the mountains. This would be better than going to the Peppermill, to lying there all winter, but not so pleasant. Or it would be to be near Washington. None of us relish the prospect of staying there in the mud and cold all winter.

On the next march, I expect to suffer more than I have done hitherto. Since we left Catskill, we have had a third to carry our troops, but we were obliged to surrender them to the owner at the camp, as he was a shayawmule which we had picked up on the road. Now we shall have nothing but what we can carry on our backs, and we shall be obliged to carry forage, we cannot carry a great deal. Coats, blankets and I will have to sleep in one shelter tent. This will do very well for them, but as I am about a foot larger than they, I shall be troubled with cold feet, as the deer and the fruit fall on the ends of the blanket next to the opening of the tent, & it gets quite warm by morning. I suppose I shall have to sleep on my boots to keep warm. You can make these oversocks about a foot long from the heel and send them by mail. When finished, tie & wrap them up securely so they may be heated about as the mail, sometime before I get them.