

**August 8, 1864 - The nature of counter-insurgency missions and contraband conditions in the Tullahoma environs, an excerpt from a letter from Major-General R. H. Milroy to his wife in Renssler, Indiana.**



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My Dear Mary,

I recd yours of the 29th ult and 30th some days ago and was glad to learn that you were all well. I am still socializing here. My most important enjoyment is sending out after gurillas that are committing depredations in the country. I have one Regt of Tennessee Cavalry here that are splendid gurilla hunters. They are well acquainted with the country and there is a deadly hatred between them and the gurillas, caused by out rages committed by the latter upon the families or friends of the former. The most of my Tennessee troops are refugees who have been driven from their homes, and all have wrongs to avenge so they take no prisoners. This suits me exactly and they know it so I never see any guerrilla prisoners and frequently hear of them being killed and see their horses and arms. A great many negroes both male and female run away from their masters and come here and at other points along the R. R. and hire to Qr Masters, rail road repairers and wood contractors and I have daily application from them to send for their children that they could not get away with them and they are afraid to go back for them. I have turned this branch of the business over to Col. Dunn. He is an abolitionist and takes pains to give all the help he can to those poor creatures in getting their families together,



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Your Husband Truly,

R. H. Milroy

Papers of General Milroy, pp. 372-374.