

Cartersville Georgia. September, 28, 1864

Dear Father & Mother,

I set down with pleasure to write a few lines to you, I am well at present & I hope these few lines will find you all in good health. I am to Cartersville now 40 Miles from Atlanta but the most of our Regiment has gone to Atlanta all but a few that was not able to march & we are to go in a few days on the cars we are going to move every thing the sick & the General & all are going to Atlanta within five or six Miles of the place, My health is better than it was when I first came to the Company from Bridgeport. I was one hundred & 34 My General Rate is one hundred & 40, we have not been paid of yet, but I think we will be paid when we get moved, we do not get much to eat now but corn-bread & bread coffee & tea, but I can stand it very well & live in hopes of better times, there

is a quite store about the war they think
that this war is going to be closed up by next
spring if not before I hope it will for my
part I don't care how quick for soldiering I
don't like, it is rainy to day & I got a couple
of letters one that Clarissa wrote dated August
the 12, with a ribbon paper in it the cause
of it being so long on the road Mrs. sent it
to the hospital the day before I come to
the Company, I got a letter from evern barth
to day, dated September the 12, th he wrote
that you had thrashed the wheat & there
~~was one hundred~~, 2, hundred & 40, bushels
& Clarissa wrote that there one hundred & 64, bu.
& you wrote ^{that} there was one hundred & 60, bushels
2 hundred & 40 would be best a good yield
best what you ought to have every way
way I hope you will get your debts paid up
so you can live & enjoy your self, well I shall
have to close. Father take good care of the sheep
& keep them all & I will have a good flock when
I come home. So good by to you all for
this time. Write soon, Mary Child Cooper
your son

As you like
to eat now in the
fall & winter for we do not get much
of it in the winter & it is
doubtless new.

Father & Mother, you may send
me a box that will way things & all
30 pounds, and ten pounds or more of
butter put it in tin cans & put in
dried fruit & Father get me a pair of
buck skin gloves like pairs that will
fit you. Mother you get me a couple
of neck handkerchiefs dark colored ones
put them in the box, pack the box
good & snug & it will come throu
all right dont send any cake ~~etc~~
for I dont like detch stuff but
butter & dried apples will be good
the you may fix the box and send
it as soon as you get this & write a
letter & send by Mail at the same
time,, Marke the box the same as
you direct the letters,, Recide Mother.
Co, A, 1st Mich-
Cyzers, & Meek-
Vashville, Tenn

Write as
soon as you
can & send the
box you
will have it
before the
winter is
over

Ray, Wm. M. M. M.

Co. A. 1st Mich. Eng.

& Meek - Atlanta

Georgia

(in care of Capt. F. W. Williamson

Put on the box
like this

J. P. D. C.
P. R. C.