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Savannah, Ga. January 15th

Dear & Mother, I set down to write you a letter
 & let you now that I am well & pleasant & I hope
 these few lines will find you all well & enjoying
 good health. I was in hopes that I would hear from you
 before I wrote this letter, but I guess you did not get
 my letter I wrote to you the 18. of December last before
 we got Savannah. we are to work a fortifying the place
 throwing up breast work & I think we shall stay here
 till spring. Savannah is a large city it is dry sandy
 level ground it is 18. Miles from the sea coast Atlantic
 Ocean, boats come up the Savannah River & bring
 in provisions from New York. we did not have much trouble
 in getting the place. the Rebels left the most of
 them left for Charleston I think they will soon get
 to the end of ^{the} road. we have our winter tents first up.
 the winter four men in a tent the tent is made of
 plank 7. by 12. four feet high, then the Rebels
 on & the top tents on for the roof & we have a little
 fire place in the side a door in one end & the bunks
 are made in the outer end ~~are~~ two bunks one
 a top of the other we can live in them very well
 but they are very smokey if we go one day with
 out washing we look black as a nigger.
 the weather is some cold & windy but it don't
 freeze much it is some chikley here we lost a
 man out of our company he was begred to say
 he had a creeper that run him down & break

that he did me loose a man out of the Regt
every five days, provision is scarce here but
we get a nut to eat setch as it is hard tack or
pork Coff & a few bones to make soup, there is
not much to be had in the City, potatoes four shillings
a bushel butter twelve shillings a pound.

I went down town one day & I thought I would have
some thing to eat so I bout a half a pound of
butter for six shillings & bout five little biscuits
ten Cents a piece & I set down & ate them well
buttered they tasted dreadful good, but I do not by
much. I get along very well ^{with} my Rations, My health
is very good now for me, I have had some Coff
but not much now my lungs feel better then
they have fore some time, I did have quite
a bad Coff but I got over it but I am not very
strong but I work some I am on guard to day
& to nite. two ours on & four off. but my post
is a good none guard in Mules where they are
tied to the wagons I have a fire to set on, but
some posters. they cant have a fire haft to
walk the beat or keep warm the winter
nights are cold but the days are quite warm
the work is not hard & where we stand guard
one day we lay still the next, but I hope the
war will end this spring for I do not like it
but I expect I shall haft to stay my time out
I dont make eney other calculation, so I

take the thing cool as I can hoping I may come
out top of the heap. there is nothing like having good
Courage. I dont know but what I would some better
to went back to the Reer with them that was not
able to March for I mite have got a chance to have
come home fore some of the boys was sent to detroit
it, but I guess ~~th~~ it is better fore me here this
winter then it would to detroit. Mr. Master is
our lieutenant James Harrington our ordly
Sargent a first rate fellow. I should never have
under taken to March through with the Reg-
if I had not thought ^{it} better for my health in the
south part of Georgia. for it is not so cold
wether here as it is in the north part, but
I started with the Regiment knapsack on my
back & the flag in my hand I marched one
day & then took my blanket & over coat & rubber tent
cloth out of knapsack & threwed the knapsack away
Made a pole of them & kept a long fore one
more day then I began to lag be hind with
the wagon train & finally I could not keep up
with them & then Capton Williamson took the
Colours & gave them to some one that was able
to keep in the Ranks. & the third day I
could not keep up with the wagon train
& they would not carry my blanket for they
were heavy loaded so on they and I set
down be side of the Road & lots of other
troups past by. & when I got Rested

My dear mother & father
I up & rode a long I kept traveling along be
hind of our Regiment more then five Miles
I finally come on to a old camp ground where
there had ben a Regiment Camped the night
before & there was some mules that had ben
worn out & turned loose & I looked over the
ground & found some of them I bridled the
best one of the mules & put on the blankets etc
& got on & rode along up with the Regiment
so I Road all the way through we was 26
days on the Road. I do not think we will be home
off before the first of March. Father you must take
good care of the sheep & keep every one & if I
live to come home I will have a good flock, for they
will be grate full to me, especially if I should not
come out of the Army all Right. & if I should not
live to come home they will be a benifite to you,
tell Mr. Kinder he to clear out 20. acres of land for
me & I will buy it of him. Mother you must write
as soon as you can & tell me all of the news
& let me know how you are & how along & how
much you love me. You must excuse me for this
time I & I will try to do better next time. Tell
Charles to write to Sarah. Charles can tell
them what to write. Tell Sara you must be a good
boy & George must be a good boy & not dare
not quarrel with Sara. So good by to you all for
this time. Rayeide Mauger Co. A. 1st Minn. Eng. & Med
your Dear parents. Savannah, Georgia

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