

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
& 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 gratefull 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 getting 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
more 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