

Goldsboro North Carolina April 6,
Dear Mother,

I set down to write a few lines to
let you now that I am well &
happy, & I hope the few lines will
find you all well, we have just
got the news from General Sherman
that Richmond is ours & Peters-
burg that General Grant done
the work & took 25,000 thousand
prisoners. Mr. General Lee has put
out but if he hant be careful he
will git him self in to a trap
for Sherman will bed him
& Grant will follow Lee up.
the boys feel well now they think
the war will soon close, I hope
it will but I dont cheer much
for fere it wont, our officers
put on considerable stile drill
four ours a day. Good cold four
times a day

& if a man hant there he is put
on exty duty, our burned if
a man stands guard four his
dond salute him Kite he
has him tide up by the thurbs
but I have not had no trouble yet
but Mr. Burned yats will haft
to look out when the war is over
for some of the men will tend to
him, we expect to march in
a few days we have drowed new
cloes & new tents turned over
our olds wons & we haft to have
every par of chies we have
had inspection of our gunes
knapsack & every thing. My gun
I fine turned it over to ^{the} Captain
he thought I wood not be able to
carry it I suppose I ess the
docter told him to do, I am
very glad for I have a nuf to carry
with out it & keep up in the camps
& my load is not so much as the
rest of the men

the first is our haver sack & three
days provisions in them canteen
frying pan cup 2 quart pail, blanket
one shirt one pair of socks rubber
blanket ^{one rag shirt} & that is all & three
men go to gether tent to gether I men
put up to tents for a roof one to
the end & if it comes driving storm
put up a rubber blanket ^{to the end} dig a trench
around the tent, it Raines & blows
some times very hard I never
was drove out yet I stick up my
tent good & take care of my self as
well as I can, we have plenty to
eat now we jest five days provisions
plenty of hard tack salt pork & m
ham fresh beef we have plenty
of cattle to kill when we want
mex beef we have shuger one
cup to a man for five days & bread
some times cod fish & Mackerel, coffee
we have a very pleasant camp
ground we live in little huts 6 feet
8 & half ft. high made of boards

three feet high with our dog tents
on for the Roof we can just stand
up in the ~~old~~ tent there in a
tent. Father take good of the
if you dont go to Minnesota
& sell the wool & pay up your 'dets'
& give me the increase of the sheep
straton every cent you owe now
with out fail. sell out if you
can dont wate for me to come
home. the wether is warm &
nice the trees are leaved out & it
is very pleasant wether now

So good by fore this time
write soon it will follow me
excuse me for setch bad writing
tell Charisa & Co & am flks I am
to lary to write to them & they need
not look for a letter. tell them I am
tugher then I ever new myself
yours Harry Mosher ^{Harold Mosher}
your son

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