

Raleigh Northcarlina April 24, 1865

Dear Sister, & all of the Rest of
the folks, I received your kind &
welcom letter & was very glad to
hear that you are well. I am well
hartz, as can be, I got your letter last
night & was very glad it was a big
one & I will try to satisfy you all
if I can all though I am slow &
hard to ~~complete~~ ^{accomplish} any thing &
I am sitting on my bunk writing
on my nels I have just ate my
dinner & at two o'clock we have
drill untill four, we are camped
nere Raleigh the Capital of Northcar.
it is small place about like
lancine, our camp is in a nice
little pine grove we have blende
the ground off nice & I expect
this will be the camp, we will
hast to police up for the

war is over and as soon as we can
get transportation & we may have
to march through to Washington
one hundred & eighty miles but
we may not have to march
we can go by Rail road to the
sea coast then by water around to
New York there is a very large
army to go home, General Lee
surrendered up his whole army to
General Grant & then old Abe
Lincoln got shot some how &
Johnson he had desired came
as Lee, but we expect some
news from Washington in a
few days so we will know
what we will do march to the
coast or not we are anxious to
be on the road home I think
I will be home by the first
of June, & I hope so at any
rate as Grandfather Wre says,
I am tired of this kind of life

but my health is good I have no
sickness nor pains in the bowels
I have ben all Rite since I left
Columbia South Carolina I do not
find sick calls eney more &
I can eat most eney thing shape
of food, our food is hard to get very
little meat salt meat now & then
kill a beef so poor that it wont
make blubbers on the water
when boild, we have Coffee
suger, that is all, we have
ben some days when on the
March three days on parched
Corn & meat but them hard
times did not feet me at all
for I was not with the Regiment
I would keep be hind with the
train wagons train & the men
had to work hard go three water
up to their waste some times
to fix Roads & help out the
wagons, but I worked it

very time to keep out
of their site & escape all of this
getting wet in very high water
timed wood got me a mule
that was left side of the road
turned loose & side thru the water
some of our men would be to work
in the water & wood side & through
& not notice them.
But as old Jim said when
I would get my clothes out
of this steel trap I will never
try it again. the weather
is very nice and warm the
trees are leaved out nice.
I want to be there to help
you eat some strawberry short
cake & it will be so good &
to eat bread once more, if
get home by the first of June
I can cut some hay for my
sheep & help you father in
harvest & I want it to be nice

Dear Maria I will write a
few more lines I have just
come off drill & I must hurry
for it is most supper time
there is two men tents with
me & I am the cook & one of
them are on guard & one gone to
the town. When we started
out from Goldsboro the
weather was so warm that I
threw away my blanket & one
shirt & a pair of socks so my
load is not so heavy one tent
one Rubber blanket, havers
ack one canteen, spider, a
quart pail cup, that is my hold
house & furniture, and Father
I hope I shall be there this spring
but you now there is a money
slip betwixt the cup & the lip
that this war has been good

Money of the northern, state of
Money a brave man, but I hope the
thing is made out now,
wal Father I gess it is as well
that you did not sell out for
can do best ^{well at} home as eney whar
else, I can by land enuff to make
me a farm & git along best as well
there as eney, whar for I want
to see my neighbors get rich & pesheley
Miss Tooley Swane I expect wood
git rich forr this time, making
berels, wal peter has finley got
the bar post out & swan, that is good
but not much to brag, you will
have plenty of Mudick at eney Kate
wal Ambrose I wish you was here
doing the same as I am & laying
still 16, dollars a month I have
now, hundred & 78 dollars due me
& if the war is settled & I come home
I will have over three hundred
dollars, the talk is that we will
have 20, dollars a month from

from the first of January,,
Now I shall have to
quit my scribbling.
Father take good care of the
sheep check them mark them
there is 35 to shere this spring
if there was 10 lambs last spring
I hope I shall be there to
be to them my self before
long,,

Write as soon as you
get this. Raycile Mother

Co. H, 1 Mich = Eng = &
Mich = North Carolina

Raleigh,

On the March,

Clarie I cant send you my like
ness for there is no Galer here
but I will send you some of
my hair,, I keep my hair shingle
it is short & curly,, excuse me
Clarie for not had writing
write soon

Keep up good Courage
Mother dont forget to have
some strawberries for me