

February, the 15, 1864

Dear Sister and Brother,

I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am not very well at present but I hope that this fine birds will find you all well and little Maud. I have been sick for about a week or more but not so sick be what I could eat and get a round. It is Rancy to day and wet so that I am blidge to keep in my tent so I thought that I would write a few birds.

My Compney. B. and G. H. and F. are a bout Forty nine miles north west of Nashville Gate in the woods and there is a Regiment of Negroes here and Regiment Cavalry and we are a getting out ties now for the Railroad and the negroes they are a grading.



the weather is warm and the birds  
sing and it looks like spring but  
it is cold nights but it has not  
frozen more very little since night  
I have not seen a flake of snow yet  
Kentucky and Tennessee are very  
hilly and mountainous and full of  
rocks in the valleys there is plow  
land but it is not very good it is  
most of it low and wet. I had rather  
have a farm in Michigan than  
then to have the whole of Tennessee  
we have plenty to eat here  
plow to make biscuit and we  
have pork beans Rice Coffee Sugar  
tea we kept back our one grub  
one man cooks for twenty or twenty  
five men. Members I think you  
are as well off where you  
are as any where else I think if  
I was at home I would be the worst  
off but I am here and I am going.



to stay Root hog or die.

I have got over my scap but  
I have ben sick with a diere but  
I am getting over it now. Most of the  
Men here <sup>the</sup> south think that the  
war wont last more than one year.  
Some of the soldiers goes out in  
the country with teams a forgering  
they fetch in corn hay hog & turkes  
hens geese every thing they can get  
go into smoke houses and get hams  
and make every thing they can get a  
hold of that is good to eat and fetch  
it in <sup>and</sup> cook them and have a good time  
I cant think of eney thing more to write  
just now you must excuse me this time  
to you My Friends.

Writes soon all you can.

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