

Racine Masher

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Dear Father & Mother,

I take My pen in hand to write to you a nother letter I wrote one to you the first of february and I have not herd eney thing from you untill Mc. Master come here the the other day he come in the eightene I was glade to him. I got the house Wife. I should have wrote agin but I expected to here from you every day untill I herd that Mc. Master was on the rode I then I thought that you would send a letter bey him. but I found a ful kind which I was ~~here~~ glad to here. I am not very well I have ben sick Most of the time I have ben in camp. I worked three or fore

days, & when I first come
here & then I was taken with
diere & I have not ben able
to work so I lay around in
my tent but wood and keep
warm and fix up the tent
I go to the doctors and get
medison & take which I am
better now I think I shall
be able to go to work for a long
we have 4000000 since
I have ben here a bout 7. miles
we are about 56. Miles north
west of Nashville on a Railroad
they are bilding thugh to the
Tennessee river the river is
a bout 20. Miles. the Cars come
down from Nashville. 23 Miles
and from there we have wagons
to draw in the provisions to us
we have plenty to eat we
have flour to make biscuit

we have Venes pork Coffee
tea & sugar Rice & plenty
of seasoning, one Man has to
cook for 20 or 25 Men they haft
to take turns one Cook a week
& then a nother but we hired
a man to Cook in our Mess
there is twenty six in our
Mess and we hired good

Harrend to Cook we give him
50 Cents a Month & pece he
has to Cook rite out doore in
kane or sine bild his fire on
the ground & set his bittles
he Makes good wages at it but
a man has got work if he cooks
for 27 men he has to be up
erley in the morning and
he has to be on his feet all
day long for to Cook for so
Money the Men are a giting
out ties now & timber for the

Railroad there is four
companies here to gether. Co
A. F. G. H. and there is a
Regiment of negroes not far
off & there is a Regiment of
Cavalry back from where
we come moved from
we are rite in the woods
the wether is Cold here now
now in is Cold nights the
ground freezes some. Tennessee
is a hilly & mountainous country
and full of rocks there is some
plow land in the valleys but
I had & dother have our place
the whole of Tennessee, I be-
lidge to live here the land
the most of in wout case

every thing the timber is
very good white oak and
grubey and gravel and rocks
we have. Mules here to
work with draw in the
pier visions and the negroes
have them to draw fire
on the railroad. I have just
got my tent fixt up and
a bed mad up from the ground
there is 8. Men in a tent
I wish that you could
have got my letter that I
wrote the first of February
I wrote to have you send
my hat in the trunk I
must have me a hat the
hats that the men draw

are mean things they ask
2. dollars & a half for them
Gord Farrend got a letter
yesterday, and his wife said
that you had not herd from
me sence I went from detroit
and that you was over
thar to find out the reason
that I had not wrot. I hope
that you will get this letter
as the 27. of this month &
you must write as soon as
you get this with out fail
and as soon as I here from you
I will write and send some
money ~~you get~~ and have you
send me some stamps I had
no chance to buy any on

the rode coming throug^h for they kept us guard^{ed}
all of the way through to
Nashville, Mo. Master
says that you got a lot
of blues but that you did
not get mine, so they have
made some mistake mark^{ing}
them Mo. said that he got a
coat that he belong to John
hiet and there is boy in
our let his name is Fetterley
his father lives to Concord
if there comes any over after
there let them go if not keep ^{them}
you must rite Father & Mother
Bayide Mother. Co. A. 1st Reg
Nashville Tenn
Gen. F. Meek

Rogers Maske
St. Engrs & Michy

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