

Head Quarters 40<sup>th</sup> Regt O. I. I.

Blue Springs, Tenn. April 7<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Dear Nephew

I this morning, hastily drop you a line to acquaint you of my safe arrival to Camp - I got back to my Regt on the 27<sup>th</sup> March after a tedious "old" journey of five days travel, on the cars, which was not altogether pleasant, though a part of the way I enjoyed myself hugely - between Louisville and Nashville we had a "Smash up" resulting in the death of one man killed and two wounded - and 150 beef cattle killed - It was a freight train which left Louisville 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hrs. before us. The accident was caused by one of the rails of the track giving away - fourteen cars were smashed to pieces - this detained <sup>us</sup> until 4 o'clock in the evening, being to wait until a train would come up from Nashville - did not get into Nashville till 10 o'clock at night - and here had to lay over and also at Chattanooga, which caused



March before war ended.  
March in Georgia.

me to be two days behind time  
in reaching my Reg't - but it was  
all right - and nothing was said  
I am staying with the Colonel in  
the absence of the Adjutant who has gone  
home to conduct recruits to the Reg't.  
He expects to be gone about two months,  
I hear (at this time) a pretty heavy skirmish  
going on between our pickets and the rebels pickets.  
It may result in a battle - Yes the Regiments are  
forming in line of battle - all the Artillery is  
in position - there goes the first shell -  
Give my love to one and all - and excuse  
this badly written letter for I am in a big hurry  
I will write you again - Yours,

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Comd Sergt 40<sup>th</sup>

Regt 1<sup>st</sup> Div.

2<sup>nd</sup> Brig. 1<sup>st</sup> Div. 4<sup>th</sup> AC

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