Camp Harper 3 miles west of Nashville

This was 19th in your letter much obliged.

Sunday May the 14th

Dear Sister,

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I this fine morning find my self seated to write you a few lines. I am well and hearty but not at all as well as I was pleased to receive a letter from you it came to hand on yesterday it was a long time getting here it was dated April 3rd. Expect one from home to day we have just come off Brigade inspection and I think that this will be the last inspection of this kind that we will ever have here. I am going to be at home some of these times by the 4th of July at the latest. On last Tuesday we had a General review of our corps at Nashville on last Tuesday General Thomas arrived at our camp fifty thousand men was a nice sight.
Well soldiering is played out. The most of the boys will be at home before long.

Well we have seen some very hard times, but we have good times here. This is a nice sugar line game and I have a nice tent. There are 4 of us in it. Their names are Jim, Tom, Bill, Barnes, John, and myself. John and I bought a little frying pan and we do all of our cooking and you better think it is done up in style for we don’t care for dirt so we eat and sleep when we feel like it. We draw some soft bread hardback pork, beef, coffee, sugar, beans, potatoes, we will draw ration or to phonew and then I think that we will start for Seattle.

You state that you were at a pickin at a party and took the prettiest boy that was there from the rest of the gals. Well the must be good looking if you would call him that for I have seen the fellow yet that you would
Call good looking he must have been there since I left for good looking boys are scarce since we left. There has been 5 died out of our company. There was one died this morning. They took him to the hospital yesterday and he died this morning. That is the way they do. They let them lay there, unless it is too late to do anything for them. But I am very thankful to kind Providence that I have been blessed with such. That as I have been it will be quite a joke if California and Brown get married after me farming old Samms place so long but all for the better. The move money I will hear will be Jane and them who moved on McBride's place were did Jim move to. How do you like your new neighbors are they apple crook. How does the wheat look. It is fine. A going to be any fruit is wages good. I wrote a letter to Leggins but have not got no answer yet.
I have never heard from uncle Joe since I left home. I wrote to
Brainerd Can Park—have not got no answer yet—you can tell
mother that I received very well of taking that money over to Bank
and can't know it too for it was mentioned last winter don't pay it
when you write give all the particulars
one way is a hard case write soon and
give all the news as I have wrote
all that is necessary so remains
your brother John C. Dimba
when you write direct as follows

To: Anne C. Bany
1st Div. 3rd U. S. Infantry
4th A.C.
Nashville Tenn.
John Me is cruel

Dear