Dear Parents,

It is again with the greatest of pleasure that I find myself seated with my pen in hand to write you all a few lines to let you know how I am getting along at this time. I am well and the army as a whole and I hope that all of those few lines come to him to make sure you all enjoying this same agreeable weather of health. I was almost getting sick ever since I did not get any letter from home and now surprised was 12 in the evening of the 15th of this month when I got two letters from home and one from Sam. Mr. Kelly I was glad to hear that you were all well. I was also glad to hear that Uncle Joe was at home. Tell him to write to me. It would surprise you to see how the boys gather about the mail.
They are all eager to get letters. Letter is what will cheer us. The crossy soldier you stated that you was looking for me at home on the 4th of July. I was expecting it too but people are often disappointed. We are still in camp at the old place. All of the troops have gone except 3/6 of our Regiment. And apart of the 9th Indiana we are left to guard. The mules there has an order came to ship no more mules nor men for a certain time. Some think that we would go any farther. Some say that the order is rehearsed but I think that we will get to see Texas. For my part, I would be satisfied to go up North. It is very hot here. It is so warm that we cannot enjoy our relief out of the shade. This is a nice country, but I am a getting tired of this place and I would freely go to Texas to get away from here. I must tell you that the great old Andrew Jackson monument is here by our camp. It is built out of marble and brick it is square.
about 15 feet high and in the center of it. There is a pair of winding stairs that lead to the top of it. I was clear up to the top of it. This is erected in memory of the battle that we fought upon this ground. The graveyard is close by it. Those that were killed in that battle were buried there. Another place states that our oak was good. I am glad to hear it, and I would like to be at home to help to cut them out. But if I am spared I expect to do so. When our time is up, there is a great deal of confusion among the boys. They cannot see the point in a going to be a general. Some of the officers were afraid of mutiny, but I guess that all will go along. Still, there was a great many described as our corps. There have been a great many left since we came there. I am now writing in the fifth story of an old sugar house. It is almost destroyed. There is scarcely any smoke here. They have all been burned by the Yankees. Some plantations are all ruined by the war.
kinds of rebels we steal their mellow
tomatoes, corn and pumpkins and
chickens anything that we can get our
hands on. I am still a clerking for the
Captain. I have got a permanent detail
as Company clerk. I have no gun to carry and
at this time I have quite an easy time of
it no kind of duty to do but to attend to the
writing stuff. I hope to come out this winter
and early with some letters as I hope they will
be letters of small news for sale at check pie
and the you can tell ella that I got her pink and
brown 3 cent piece he wanted me to remember
him. I have never forgiven any of you yet always
think of you all when I lay down at night and
when my grub gets short I think about home.
I am going to see you when we will have for
dinner it will be coffee made out of the Mississippi
river water and bread that will
compose our meal well I must close for my
letter is about full to give any more reports
and well wishes to allquiring friends
will molly me saw that there is a girl about
her size that is indebted to me a letter
so I will close my love to you and all

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