Camp Jackson, Sunday July 30th 1865

Dear Mother & Family,

It is once more that I have the privilege to take up my pen and ink and paper to write you all a few lines, as desiring personal well being to let you all know that I am still numbered with the living, enjoying good health, and I am in hopes that when these few lines come to hand they may find you all enjoying the same great blessing of health. Mother received your kind and highly interesting letter on last Tuesday bearing date July 2nd. I see it is just the same old thing with you, stay at home on Sunday as you always did, nurse I don’t get to hear any more than the reason is because there is nothing here. If I was you I would see a little more enjoyment—go to church go to see your neighbors, and then time will will not appear so long to you.
I am glad to hear that all attend Sabbath School and all are able to go. It is a place that I was always found and have never need going there and when you Sabbath morning comes I always think of home and old Centre Chapel. I am glad to hear that we have been favored with a good grain crop. You said that there was a going to be a big fire in Steubenville on the 4th of July, I would of liked to been there. If I am scared I think that it will get to see it this fall at least I hope so you stated that you had a great many vegetables chicking chapey there would all be a great variety for me as you told me a box some of your nicknacks I will tell you about some of mine they are hardback chewy black coffee and sugar mix will sand and a great many thing not that much in all my life I never felt such hot weather there are a great many sick the sickness all begin in the head and pain in the lungs it is called dumb ague. They shot but more die. There are as high as 17 men sick.
in one company of 36 men. I think that if it all caused by the heat it would be an impossibility for any of us to work out in the sun here. It is not enough for us to cook and keep the quarters and much less away. Well we have not gone to far yet but we are sure to go one of our companies went this week and at this time there is a steamer load our regiment is to go behind all the rest we have to guard the army and they pull some on way boat and take a co to guard them it will soon be one month since they first commenced to ship our one and it is the opinion that as soon as old mamille leaves Mexico that all the volunteer will be mustered out of service the United States has to protect Mexico they cannot take us there but they can take the Regular and as soon as they get regular enough we will be home do you know where Philip is tell me what regiment George Dan is in the uncle for to write me a letter is going to reach this fall I would like to see him.
how many dozen of wheat had we at movey rap are you going to seed any this fall rap I want you to stick to Dolly and if you want to sell rye I will give you a good price for it all in green back when I get home are George proved to be the way we thought is sick with anything ago to make as good a face as chase did how does you army do Lyndia member they are gone and no dog to run Freeborn everything is down in Stubenville Sugar is very cheap here I am going to be any fruit how does Dale Jim come on doe she ever get down like she did last winter I will never forget the nights that rap and I am her around you must not think that I am in positive I am eager to hear about all things I almost wear my letters out of reading them I get them pretty well learned by heart I have quite an easy time since I have been detailed I can write a great deal better than I do this I am glad I am glad the quartermaster told the capt that my hand writing was the best that ever came from this company to his office the one before me was detailed to division head quarters well as my paper is shot I must close give my love to all the family and don't forget my pen I am ever remain your affectionate son

[Signature]

Jno. J. Dunbar

His mother

P.S. Direct me before to follow next