Camp Stanley Texas
Camp Stanley Victoria Texas
Sunday September 10th 1865

Dear Parents,

It is again with great pleasure that I find my self seated with pen and ink before me to drop you all a few lines to let you know how I am a getting along in this land. I am well fast and hearty and live in hope that you are all the same in health. I received a very kind letter from you this week bearing date August 20th. It was quite an interesting one and I read it with great pleasure. I am very much obliged to you for the poetry. I hope that the time is not far distant when I shall see you all face to face. The troops here were this day reviewed by Gen. Hunt. All there is to be 4 regiments mustered out of service immediately. They belong to our division. There is to be three thousand men mustered out of our force. and as soon as they get them transported through, they will muster an other lot out. It would not do to muster any all out at once for we could not get home.
The next call will hit us to be quite small we only have about 20 privates for duty they are in the hospitals I like the camp food had we have got a good bunk for 3 of us we draw flour and I have a good time with the other Jacks they are often covered with ashes we make our fire out of dog and it is quite rainy we bake rations to the citizens for common meal sweet milk chicken butter and eggs the principal bread stuff is common meal me Gum and I was out on yesterday we had a coffee for a havercak full of corn and a bucket full of sweet milk we can have fried mush now he is getting better in this I think I can get mush and milk when I get home well pake had a good time out of gate at privates I was glad to hear it is he a going to see any this fall what is date worth mother you wanted to know if I needed any money it would be quite serviceable to one but it take a letter so long to go through that there is quite a risk to run it will take a month for it to go through and the same back
We may get some pay before long our local bounty is all right we will get it all when we are mustered out of service you stated what ella thought of me every day I think of you all and I often think of the times when Lomy and ella used to meet me when I came home from camp I live in hopes that they will meet me this fall a coming home to go a soldier no more I am pleased to hear that Jack is the making of a good dog Lomy do you mind what you needed to me for him see if you can tell Kepy is a coming out if he is able to call them to dinner what talk on Tom Atkinson turned out just as I expected you can tell young John Sulp that there were a couple of his uncle in our company by the name of James Yeekee and Woshit Yeekee they are both in the hospital and it was James that told me that he would let that it was Joe Phillips what was the cause of Stansbury leaving Scott Ben Wright will have a good cull of it by the way that you sell butter you must have good cows what kind of a cow is that
That we got of Eldrid. Thine is quite dear. I reckon that you won't get any this fall as old friend Sammie I suppose. That John Brown is a pitching in this pretty strong no more right for me. I reckon till Jane that I will write her a letter some of these times till her that the must &c. etc. etc. I always try to write to all I cannot see any else one how she is. A getting along and the wife, mother. I see by your letter that you stay at home on sundays about as usual. Have you no convenient way to go if you was free it would puzzle you to like when and came. Here is all kinds of nice carried on. Here well I think it's time to quit a writing for this time for I have no fit way to write and I must go and bake corn cakes for our supper. I think that if you could do all of one of them you would think that I was quite a cook well. I must close my love to all so remain.

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