Camp Stanley, Texas September 24th 65

Dear parents,

It is once more that I take my seat to write you a few lines to let you all know my present condition. I am well, fat and hearty, and I am very thankful for the way that I have been favored with good health so far. I am in hopes that when these few lines reach home it may find you all well. I was pleased on last Wednesday for the mail brought me a letter, one from another, and the other was from Aunt Lizzie. I was sorry to hear of another being unwell hoping nothing serious may result. I had almost come to the conclusion that Lizzie had forgotten me but it appears not your letter was dated August 27th well I have just finished my dinner there was 3 of us had a good fat hen for dinner and a lot of gravy to eat.
chicken taste kind of natural we trade our rations for chickens milk eggs and butter...I took out some coffee and sugar and a piece of fat meat and traded it for 2 chickens and a haversack full of corn meal we drink a good cup of water and that saves our coffee and we do not use much sugar so that gives us something to trade. Pap had quite a crop of oats if the ground only produces as good a crop of wheat as it did of oats he will do well. I am sorry to hear that old man McIntosh still holds spite is Pap going to seed any at home you stated that there was quarterly meeting at labor and all the boys was going but one well I would of liked to been there. So of want but my condition is quite different our work is the same on Sabbath as any other day in the week we have no preaching time seems to fly away very fast it won't be long until I will have 8 months in I still believe that we will get home before our time is up. I want to be at home a Christmas
Another you wanted to know about—that lump on my eye it is not as large as it was last winter. I think it will go away. It is a fine thing if old chum-leg is spared. To eat corn fodder. This winter after having such a hard though of it last winter her case was a little better. I will never forget the night that pap and I run her around through the lot—but I suppose that old-tolly is a perfect picture have her well broke to ride and do by the time that I get home she will do for me to ride out to see my——gal——

did you ever get that letter that I said for you to give many that money that was coming to me from ed finley mother. I have still got your picture and it looks as natural as though it was a live. I would of liked to had all of your picture but I no it can't be done could not—pap send his bill branded laws to answer my last letter I got an answer to the first one.
is pack going to butcher any this fall. If I were at home I could make it pay at that business well. Leonzo I thought that you was a better soldier than what you are to let a bumble bee run on you. I heard that you and our bumble bee had a fight and you had to retreat in confusion well I must bring my letter to a close as I have nothing of any importance to write so I will close my love to you all as a family so farewell farewelled my far off friends farewell from John R. Dunbar

To his father Robert S. Dunbar

Direct as before

good boy
with much pleasure

Love from our

Victoria Texas

God bless you

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