

hospital this morning & back again  
(it is perhaps so real he thinks he will  
be well in a short time John Reed  
is here he has got the chmatism so  
bad he dont do any thing  
Elmer Marm is loafing around  
he went down to the creek yesterday  
& went in swimming & left his pants  
on the ground & while we was all in  
the water down below from the  
steps Pa took 2 dollars out of his  
pocket that is to bad for Elmer I  
am afraid his little Widow will  
not like that very well

I want you to write an answer to  
me with an answer to this and tell  
me every thing you can think up  
how you enjoyed your visit with Mr.  
Beaks & have any lady saws & what  
they say, a what they think &c &c  
tell Elmer he hadnt better  
enlist if he is drafted he will  
have to go But it is no fun to  
be a soldier But I never have been  
sorry that I enlisted & think if  
I live through it it will be as good  
for me as 8 years schooling.

Tell Pa little Robin Haunton asks about  
him every time I get a letter from home  
he says he wishes the old Gant had  
lived a long with us Tell Pa  
& come to write as often as they

Camp near Waterba  
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I have just been out to wash  
my shirt the soldiers made up wash  
ing is to take a piece of hard soap and  
thus shirt and go to the creek and stick  
this shirts into the water and soak  
it untill it gets wet, and then rub on  
the soap, then take the shirt between  
yours two fists and rub it and ring it,  
twist it, untill it is clean enough and then  
take it out and ring it, then swing  
it across yours arm and start for the  
camp, and when you get there just throw  
it across the top of yours tent and  
let it dry, and it does very well with  
out ~~any~~ ironing. And the mode of  
cleaning our grub is dinner only wear  
hyantick that is done according to the ins-  
tions. I have got a little frying pan that  
I carry around with me Bucked out  
my haversack and when I get hungry  
I take a piece of Salt Ham or pie, and  
put it into my spider and set it  
over the fire and cook it you know  
And then the next operation is to take  
some hard crackers & Bisc. & Bisc untill  
I get a chunk and then char & char  
untill I get it smashed, Well I keep on  
after that sort of fashion untill I  
get my supper eat over & baill  
some lappys in my shirt Pur-

my so. pms ~~was~~ off & up  
opposed to my going my b. Jr. and M.V.  
but a company off prof & oppo to  
I had a Bullfinch dinner yesterday while we  
was at Pickett's Ordery Bushnell & I went  
off about 2 miles from our head quarters to  
an old Sesesh Farmer and we called  
for some dinner the old lady told us  
she reckoned we could have some. So  
she & her Daughter Betty went to work  
and got us a tip top dinner they had  
about a half a dozen little Dishes to eat  
on the table. we had a Plate of Baked  
Lamb & an other a Plate of Home Cakes  
and we with one thing & 2 with another  
and the chief of all was a little Child  
about 8 years of age stood by the table with  
a great fan made of the long feathers of  
Peacocks and kept the flies off of the table  
and fanned us so that we couldnt faint  
while we were eating I expected that both  
of us would faint for little Betty sat  
and looked at us with out winking once  
in 5 minutes all the time we were eat-  
ing our dinner. After we had eat ready  
to go we saw the old man ~~wants~~<sup>then we</sup> a  
few left his camp the old lady  
was very anxious to have us call again  
we told her we would be very happy  
to call again but as we should be  
called in the morning it would  
not be convenient for us to call again  
So we bid them good day and went  
back to head quarters. we staid there

August Sunday 8 /62  
I guess I will try and finish  
this little short letter this morning  
While I have a chance. If all  
I got up this morning feeling like  
like a Star in the dawn & cleaned  
up my old Shooting I ran & got ready  
for inspection, We have to have an  
inspection every Sunday Morning.  
I wanted to go & get my likeness  
taken to day. But I cant get a pass  
there is but an artist around any where  
that I know of and he is over to  
Watis Loo about 2 miles from here  
& I cant get there with out a pass  
from Gen Durkee (may be I can get  
one to Morristown) Fayett is still too  
told me this morning that he had  
a letter from his folks & they said  
that B.P. was a coming back & was  
a going to resign & he said he was  
a going to go home with him  
the rumour that was about us not  
having any male has a lamp year  
we shall have our men regular do  
Capt. White Sid. told me  
Mr. Rust is on guard to day  
Mr. Childs is still but I guess  
he had rather be at home  
But he says nothing about it  
Mrs Chapman is getting along