

Camp in Lookout Valley Tenn
March the 2nd 1864

Dear cousin and aunt i now take this opportunity to write you a few lines to let you know that i am well and hope these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing I dont know as i can tell you any news in the first place i will tell you that we have been haveing a hevvy rain for the last two days but it is verry pleasant wether now cool nights and warm days i have just received a box from home and i tell you we live pretty high for soldiers for soldiers dont live verry high as a general thing we have been three days without a thing to eat thats what i call low diet in this country uncle John is well he has been under an arrest for being away without leaf but he had his trial and to day about noon his papers came for him to return to duty and take command of his company and the boys in the company feel nice to think they have got the captain back again lieutenat Horton tried his best to get him thrown out of the service so he could get in captain but he did not make it out quite the boys dont like him verry well there is to much style about him for a soldier but the captain has got a command of us again and we are all right now i felt sorry for aunt susan to have him come back and have her so sick but i hope that we all may live to get back to our homes and friends once more we have plenty to eat now we draw all soft bread and no hardtacks we are having quite nice times now we have got the nicest camp in the brigade it is set out with seedes trees and looks fine we have made a target to day and we will shoot at it tomorrow then we will have fun shooting at a mark we have to do picket duty about three miles from camp and stay out 48 hours at a time i dont know as i can think of any more news this time please excuse this short letter and i will do better next time please write as soon as you get this and tell me all the news yours with respect

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