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Dear father mother brothers and sister

I proceed to write you a few lines this morning to inform you how I am getting along. I am in pretty good health at present the boys are generally well the Curnutts are well so is J. S. Poe and J. H. Woodward. I received a letter on the 1st of this month from thee it had come right through. I was glad to hear from Andrew I wrote to him yesterday and hope to hear from him before a great while. We have a cheerfull fire to sit by here the weather is quite cold and has been for several days. Leut. Scott is sick yet I think he is a little better than he was. The work on fortifications still goes on they have got the fort nearly half done. The news here is that our men have got to Vicksburgh & are going to turn the river from by the town we hope to hear of their success before long. We get mail every day for a few days past. Gas Summer has just come in with a box of the regular old ned it constitutes a considerable part of our living. We have to go on picket every 5 days it is pretty cold standing now we have to deploy that is we form a line from one post to another after 3 oclock in the morning. I will tell you what Linsy Green and I have to eat out of. We have too greasy haver sacks to carry our grub in one tin pan 2 tins a knife 2 spoons 1 broken leged fork. These constitute our furniture we get down on the ground and eat like pigs as regards the amount. We get up at half past 5 oclock and form a line of battle then slack our guns and break ranks we do not drill these cold days, so we are at liberty most all day. I have nothing more to write at present I believe

Write as often as convenient and I will write every few days.

Your well wishing son Jno. Mills

PS I believe letters come quickest directed Via Cairo, III for they are opened there that is the packages and distributed to the different armies.