

Scottsboro Ala. 1st mo 11th 1864

Honored Father Mother Brothers & Sister

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very well, The weather is very cold
here though not so cold as it is
farther north we have had no
snow here to amount to any thing
we have quarters fixed up so that
we keep pretty comfortable. 6 o'clock
after night. I have took a seat at our table
to write a little more for your perusal.
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since I gave the names of our mess
The boys are sitting by the fire talking
on diferent subjects it seems almost
like civil life but our duty is pretty
heavy we have to go on guard or fatigue
duty every third day but the men keep
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got so used to exposure that wet and
cold weather dont have much effect
upon them. W^m Curmutt came over
and took dinner with us to day he
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of fresh pork Backbones so that the boys had

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to accommodate John. Cas has got his
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his eyes in his usual stile Cas is
well and looks better than you ever
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day some comes after rations others
to get pay for forage as that our
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tion papers for their gram and stock

yesterday day was the Sabbath I red a few chapters in the newtestament I have red the testament through to the last of the Acts I have two or 3 chapters to read to finish the acts as I have noth-
else mutch to read I might soon finish the testament and I think I shall.

I think that the prospects are better for the terminations of the war — before many months than it has been at all my for thinking so is that the rebels are very scarce of provisions & their best territory for provisions is in our possession I may be badly mistaken as to the length of time — that they will hold out, we dont get papers regular from the north consequently we dont get the connection of the news. I believe I will quit writing for this time, I am nearly out of postage stamps please send me some in your next.

Your wellwishing Son John Mills
Comp C. 12th Reg, Inf. Vol. Inf't. Via
Nashville Tenn.

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