

12/11/11

~~Dear Mother~~

Scottsboro Dec 21/11

Honored Parents Dear Mother

I have the privilage of again writing you a few lines to inform you that I am in pretty good health the health is good here but one man out of the camp that attends sick call viz. sust. Merase he has been unwell for a long time and does not seem to improve much. I received two letters from you to day they were gladly received I had been looking for a letter for several days one of them contained some postage stamps, the weather is moderate here at present some days it is a little cool but generally pleasant. there is nothing of importance going on here things seem

to be fixing for a grand
move in the east before there
is match done here. And
this morn^g the 29th we waked up this
morn^g to find some 6 inches
of snow on the ground it
looks like the middle of winter
up north we thought winter was
over but I guess it has just begun

The boys are out having a gay
time snowballing each other
and they are cookeys to day we
made biscuits for breakfast it
took about 60 for our family
there are 11 of us all together it
takes a lot of grub to feed all
of us we dont draw full rations
of every thing, our grub gets low
before the time is out, generally,

I should think we would
be the time for the Johnsons to
make a raise while wages was so
high the talk is that the sol

deers wages is to be raised 5

Think they ought to raise
the private soldiers wages
and lower the officers for the
men that do the work get but
little pay and the men that sit
around out of danger get big
pay. I would like to have been
at home and eat a big dinner
or two with Andrew. He likes
better than me to go in for a
new term of 3 years, I want
to get free and then Ill stay so.
Goac V. seems to rather doubt
it being a very wise investment
that of buying down land at
85 per acre he allowed it would
be about as much as it would
ever be worth. he did not say
much about it only mentioned
he did not think it would pay.
I have nothing further to write
this time
A. ever. H. Mills.

Father, we are talking
about the probability of staying
here the prospect such as it is for
us to remain here. and as there
is an express office established
here, Isaac and I have conclude
d to have a small box of articles
expressed to us I will name the thin
gs that would suit the best, dried
fruit and butter and canned fruit
will be the main things to send &
will keep for sometime green fruit
- that is apples - would not do to send
unless they were very young express
the box to me or Isaac Comp. 8 12th

and it will be left here at the express
office that has lately been established
here, if you send any thing send
it as soon as possible for we may
not stay here very long and will
would probably get it before leaving.
a can of milk
could be sent by the Mills,

Scottsboro, Ala
3rd mo. 21st /64

Honored parents, brothers and sister,

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As ever, J. H. Mills.

Father, wee are talking about the probability of staying here the prospect seems good for us to remain here and as there is an exprefs office established here, Isaac and I have concluded to have a small box of eatibles exprefsed to us. I will name the things that would suit the best, dried fruit and butter and canned fruit will be the main things to send. They will keep for some time green fruit—that is apples—would not do to send unless they were very sound. Exprefs the box to me or Isacc Comp E 12th Ind Inft. Scottsboro Ala, and it will be left here at the exprefs office that has latele been established here. If you send anything send it as soon as possible for wee may not stay here very long and wee would probably get it before leaving. A can of molasses would be very good. John H. Mills.