

East Point La 9th and 25th 1864

Honored Parents Brothers & Sister.

This cool sabbath morning I will endeavor to write you a few lines to inform you how I am getting along. my health is pretty good - the health of the company is generally good. There has 2 of our boys who were prisoners got back viz Green Williams Donovan Ray Rains Hardwick Linthum. — Joe Henner & Gray & Frances are still in the hands of the rebels they were taken farther south may be to be exchanged at some other point. part of the boys that have returned are quite weak and Rains who was sick when he was taken is now very poor and has a bad cough they are about getting him a furlow he will probably start home in a few days, you have often read of the horrors of prison life in the hands of the rebels and their account compares with the accounts that I have seen in the papers

very well. we have got ~~our~~ new
camp pretty well cleared up and
are ready to move again if we
do as we have been for some time - but
mayly we will be allowed to remain
here awhile, it is quite cold here this
morning, the first cool weather we have
had here but we may expect it to be colder
after this. our mails is very small I
have not received a letter from home
for over two weeks. The most of the
boys are in the same fix. Skinning has
resigned and is going to start home
tomorrow he dont intend to be shot
at any more and as he has the power he
is going to leave us let him rip I say
he dont do any special good here true
he serves for the purpose of drawing his
money four times what better men
get for months is payed him, I have
nothing particular against the men
and nothing to say for him, his success
or will not be the choice of the company
(if there is another appointed) it will
be Gilbert or Russie. I prefer Russie of
the two I think the men would get more
favors from him than Gilbert, it
is near inspection I will quit for
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will try and pen a few more
lines, The Army here is being reorgan-
ized our division (The fourth) has been put
in the first and second, and the
transportation is being repaired I cant
see how the Army can go much
farther into the confederacy as
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very long and to lengthen it the dista-
nce we would to reach any important
point south of here looks to like
it would be rather critical to depend
upon but Sherman is a splendid
General and a move planned by him
will be pretty sure of success I cant
tell whether we will launch out
soon on a fall campaign or not,
if there is a fall campaign it must
commence soon for the weather will
soon be bad. There is occasionally a rumor
comes around that Indiana soldiers
are to go home to vote it was all true
or for awhile but has nearly played

out, we will soon know for we
would have to start in a few
days if we were to go. we have
not heard whether the draft has
gone off in Indiana or not I suppose
if the quota is not filled it will have
to be some time soon. it is quite a
dry place here for business of any kind
The cars comes down here once in a while
but dont bring much but soldiers. I
have written once this week so I will
not write any more at present I will
send this by Anthony if he gets of tomorrow.

Give my respects to Friends and
relations,

As ever
Geo H. Mills.

East Point Ga 9th mo 25th 1864 (September 25, 1864)

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As ever Jno. H. Mills.