Camp At Ft Negley Nashville

Christmas Dec the 25 / .62

Dear sister

I thought that i would write you a few lines and send with Cowden he has not started for home yet he did not get his papers as soon as he exspected [expected] to

The Friendless mess has had a number of Photographs taken and Andy Fuler [Fuller] gave me one Jimmy Kuzlin is Ordly [Orderly?] Sergent [Sergeant] Jamison Mike Korn is Sergt. CB Simpson Saddles is AM Fuller

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[illegible] Jim Rice i want you to take good care of it i received a letter from cousin Mary Parker she is teaching School in the Female Colleg [College] at Lyons Iowa she says that Cousin Henry was in all of the battles before [Richmond?] and was wounded in the left arm the 7th day before Richmond it is reported that Gen Paine had a fight with Morgans men at galatin [Gallatin] and whiped [whipped] them some say that

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he [illegible] thare [there] will soon be a hard Battle fought between here and Murfeesboro [Murfreesboro] our boys are on Picket today and i am Cook and have to get thare [their] dinner and take it out to them this is a dry christmas for us soldiers

the weather is quite warm for the time of year we have not had much cold weather here yet Lute is not verry [very] well he has had the Ague or some

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[illegible]

I have nothing more to write this time so good buy [bye] give my love to All and keep a good share for your selfe [self]

Write soon

This from

your affct [affectionate] Brother

Dan