

Camp Near Rossville Ga

April 19th 1864

Dear Sister

I received your letter a few days ago and was glad to here [hear] from you I received a letter from father day before yesterday So I will make this letter answer the purpose of answering both I was glad to here [hear] from Belcher I should of liked to of seen him there is no news here of any importance our officers are all mustered

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officers of Co E" If Capt Wilson had of appointed the Sergeants when we came back as he did before I would of been 5th Seargent [Sergeant] now and Lute would of been 1st Copre [Corporal] but my time will come after a while if nothing happens Capt McKinney has made us put our stripes on our armes [arms] and Orderly [illustration] is three stripes and a little square on Each arme [arm] the other Seargt [Sergeant] ware [wear] [illustration] and Corpls [corporals] [illustration] the weather is quite cool down here I hope that it will soon get warme [warm] father said that he thought we would go to the Potomac thare [their]

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out rages on our soldiers and our dead thay [they] buried one Negroe [Negro] a live and he dug out of his grave wasent [wasn't] that horrible, I will write to belcher in a few days we have plenty [illegible] ev[e]ry other day and we draw potatoes ad [and] dried potatoes dried vegatable [vegetables] to make soup of and bacon, white beans and fresh beefe [beef] Bill hagan vaccinated him selfe [himself] with matter thas [that] was not pure and he has a large bunch coming on his neck from the effects of it, it pains him

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PS I recived [received] a letter from Rufe the same evening that I received yours Kiss annie for me this photo is for mothers album D