

Camp 154 Regiment N.Y.S.V.
Near Look out Mountain Tenn
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My Dear Father and Mother

in haste I take my pen in hand to Write you a few lines to let you know that I am well; an I hope those few lines will find you all enjoying the same blessing I suppose that you whander what is the reason that I dont Write oftener to you but I hope you will will forgive me this time an I will try to doo better the next time we are on duty most of the time an it is hard to get time to doo any thing We returned from our long March a little while ago an when we came back we had orders to put up Winter quarters so we went at it to build an now we have got our chanty up very comfortable there is four of us in a tent Bill Davis Bill James an a nother fellow an myself the talk is here now that they are going to give Furloughs to som of the men an I think that Bill Davis will try to get a furlough an if he will come Home I would like if you would send me a pair of Boots by him Sim Williams and George an Tom Lewis have Enlisted once again for three years more I saw George yestarday an he said that their Regiment were all going Home in a few Days on thirty Days Furlough oh I would like to come Home with them but there is no use talking that I cant doo an a nother thing it will cost so much in going an coming I trust an hope that we will all be Home by next Winter if the Almy will spare our lifes I have no spatial news to Write this time I was glad to hear by a Letter that Bill Charles received Stating that you had received the Forty Dollar check all right I was pretty chure that it would get through safe well it is getting Dark an I have no candles So I must close by saying I wish you all a Happy New Years give my respects to uncle Lamb and Mr Williams an Family an to All of my old Friands My Love an respects I send to you all So good By this time those few lines from your Affectionate Son

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