

March the 12 1863
Verginy Camp near Stafford Court house

dear brother

I received your letter and was glad to hear that you was well and i now take my pen in hand to let you know that i am well and tuff as ever and so is william and liman and Stephen is hear for duty he was on guard the other day he thinks that he is quite well and i hope that he will stand it now there is a great deal sed abought our beeing nign munths men and that wee shall Come home in man but i Cant see it thay say that the Curnal of the 136 regment has ben to albany to see a bout it and that he says that wee air nig munths men and i hope that wee be but i Cant see it i wish that the boys ware at home with thare familye i Shoud be Contented to stay hear for if one of them shoud be sick i shoud have them on my mind and it is the worst place that man Can be sick in for the docters donte know anought to know when that a man is sick or not and if they was at home i should know that they was takon Care of so you see that the less relation a man has hear the worse he is off the more he has to look after so you see that i am glad that you did not Come and now deer brother i am glad to hear that you are at home and that you are a good boy if your father thinks that he Can do with out your help i think that you had better go to mr hatcher and work this sumer but be kind to thi father and thy mother for thay are geting old and you dont know how mutch you think of them till you go away and then you will miss your father and mother you must be a good boy and then evry body will love you i have found that out for i d not think that i have got an enemy in the redgment thay are the best friends hear to me that i ever saw in my life evan the Curnal sed the other day that he shoud not like to have me go home for my folk Shoud not know me for i was as fat as a fooll but i must Close fore this time so good by for this time this from your brother

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