

Camp Boockout valy Tenn

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My dear Rhoda

O am glad to have the chance of writing to you again to let you know that I am well we air now in our new camp about half a mild from the old one we have better shanties here then we ever had be fore we split slabs out of oak and build 12 ft long and 7 ft wide for four men and cover them with cloth we have a fire place of stone and the chembley topted out with wood and mud now I am with one of the men that I was with one year ago Sargt C L Barnhart he is now acting Ordaly of the company I think that he will soon be pronoted then we have James B Haywood Capt Fays Brother inlaw and George Clifford yesterday i was out on picket and I got some corn and to day I am cooking some hull corn it is most dun now I should like to know if father hath got that letter i sent him it is time I had an answer I wost you would tell him that i want an answer if he please and oblidge me well now I think that I will wate tell tomorow to finish my letter and see if I dont get a letter when the mail comes to write

Sunay morning Dec 27 /63

Dear Rhoda i again try to write you a few linds more to day but in loocking in my port folio I see that i have 8 sheats of paper and 2 envelopes they cost 50 cints a quier here and i think that you can bui and send them for half the money and i am out of stamps and i borrowed one to send my last i cannot bui any here i am anchious to get a letter fron Elisabeth or any body else that would write to me i think that she is getting tyard writeing to me i would like to know how to why she dose not write Rhoda the wather is wet for a few days pase but warn i have not seen a spect of snow this wenter and here it is past cristmas the tine goes

very fast i did not think when i enlisted that i would be gone tell now
but u dont think now that i will stay my time out i think that there
will not be much more fighting the election this fault hath discouraged the
rebs worst then any battle i think that a man that votes the democrat
ticket just as much an enemy as a rebel soldiers and a man that was to
lasey to vote this fault i dont know what to think of him yours

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