

The Boys got up a staving Dinner. I tell
You that Old Woman of mine can get up a
big dinner, just give her the things to do
with. I'll tell you what we just eat for
dinner, "biled beef, rice, fried beef, pork
and potatoes and Mush. I like the
Boys in the Co first on to the Capt & 2nd
Lieut as two nice Officers.

Well Father when you write give me all
the news, tell me who's married & who wants
to get married, and how the drafted men
that didn't report, gets along & what
becomes of G. Philips. If you have a
spare dollar or two, that you'll send me,
I would be thankfully received, as I am
nearly out of writing materials, and I'll
repleas it the first payment I have.
Henry Reed is in Co. A. he is tough &
rugged. This all for the present. Write soon
time next year, or sooner if convenient
for. Aunt Rec. I'll let you know I was
drafted. My respects to you & Mother.
Grace & Minerva. Tell Edgar to keep his
nose clean, remember me to the friends
that came to inquire after me.

Adelphi Co. N. 17th from Your Son
Regt 2nd Brig 3rd Div
17th A. C. Ireland
Yavannah Ga 2010.022.524

Camphead Head Savannah
Dec 19th /64
Dear Father & Mother

It's one of the greatest
pleasures in the world, that I
now sit down with pen in hand
to address a few lines to you, and
let you know I'm still numbered
with the living & enjoying good health,
and I trust these will find you and
the family enjoying the same blessings.
I should written long ere this if I
had an opportunity, but we've had no
chance of sending in, since we left Atlanta
and no chance while there. We stayed
there 3 days, we left there the 15th of Nov,
there was near a hundred thousand
Boys left that bright morning, and
that is many a brave boy that started then,
full of life & vigor, that now slumbers
beneath the soil, the way our Corps commar
about 400 miles, there was 4 Corps, the 14th, 15th,
17th & 20th each Corps was on different roads.
I tell you they made Old Ga look desolate

where they come. I can't begin to give
an estimate of the property obtained on this
raid. We had good times, plenty to eat and
drink, for we took what we wanted, such as
Meat, flour, molasses, honey, potatoes,
hogs, chickens, Berkeys Bees & fat Cattle.
The packers & honey, suffered, finding
every thing, for we ~~only~~ drew only quarters
from Government, so we had to go in
for our grub, we drew full rations of
Coffee, & I've got to be a regular Old
Coffee drinker, that's what the matter
every thing was plenty, till about the
10th or 12th, then was the times I could move
away some of them crumbs from your table,
but times are better now, we drew Harts
tack last night, Bacon & Meat this
morning, the first hard tack we've drawn
in 7 days, and I can just take care of my
rations like a mouse, that's what ails the
Boys. The Rebs didn't off our Army
till we got within 5 miles from Savannah,
our men are closing in on them, they took
Fort McColister the 13th, I can't give all the
particulars, we lay in front of the rebel

There has been no regular engagements
yet, but the pickets are exchanging
shots frequently and occasionally the roar of
a Cannon is heard. Waffle & Laprag is getting
sinner they are tough & stand it bully.
Shelly is well, Boyer is very bad off with
the Rheumatism, Snapper is not very tough.
McDuck was taken sick for we got to
Atlanta, the first day's march from
there, he went into the Ambulance, at high
the Dr pronounced it the small pox, then
he was all broke out, he has been in the
Ambulance ever since, but twas very light,
and he got long, finally, he is well now, and
waiting for a change of clothes, then or he
would be with the Co. E. N. Schomergie
as a call this morning, he looks tough and
same as usual, only minus of a Thumb
his Regt lays 3 miles on our Left, Firm-
health has been poor ever since we left
Atlanta, but he seems better now, his
Regt is but a mile on our right, Scott
has had a tough time, but he looks well
now, he Shuts ten of hammer (ring and
prosser belong to the 16th Wis.