

W. C. A. C. Camp. on. Big Pine
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Remembered, Friend, Abby

I now take the boldness and embrace the opportunity
of a few moments for the purpose of writing a
few lines to let you now that i am yet numberd
Among the living. I am well at present and i hope
When these few lines reach you they will find
you the same good blessing

Well abba i hardly know what to right, and that ~~and~~
~~and~~ and all i am a very poor hand to right a
Letter to but then i will try and do the best that
I can and that is all that any one can ask
I dont now that i have got any news to tell
you, only all the boys that left that tour with
Me are all well and enjoying good health at present
Well i would like to now if you have forgot that
Bride, that you and abby hart took when gone, and
fed run after you. i dont think that you have
I now find that hart if you have, long too
See that time when it will come a gin

But i dont now that i will get back there
In that good Old Brothertown a gin or not
we have as good time as i have had there

But i live in hopes that i will see the
time once more, I hope that you will have

I good times hear this winter coming and if they ant
enry thing hits me enry big gas then hallet
I think that i will hear back hear next winter
Thell i gess that i will change the subject
I will try and tell you a bout the time that
we have out hear in Ill. we have pret by good hies
hear ~~the~~ our compney is escorting the stage from
B. R. Big pira to a place called mairsville
It is a bout 12 mils that we haft to go and
we haft to go in the night time and then we
have all day to run round in, and i think
that we will stay hear all winter, we have got
Ordes to fire for winter, and we are gont to
Bild houses and set our tents on top
of them, vet and Hoel and fine rock
And my self self are gont to go keeping house
to gether this winter i think that we will make
things go pretty good for we have got a rock
with us, C. i like to for got to tell you
we are gont to have a dance out hear this
evening and i will give you a polite invitation
Will you come but mind you that they ant
enry stow hear it so that you can have a
slay ride. we have had too snow storms hear
this fall but it is nice weathers out hear now
they the roads are quite dusty now days
it seams just like spring to me hear now
I goss that you seen, Ill. i have that

that he had got a furlow and went home
I have not seen him since last Spring in
fact i cant see with him much since we
left that town he was gone from the company
all last winter and he never come to the
company untill last Spring, if i could
of had as good time as he has had since
we left that town i should think my self
Self well off, i spose that he had grate
Old time while he was there, I would like well
A nuff to come home but i dont think that
i will come untill my time is out and then
I think that i will come back to a place
call Brothertown, if H. O. and W. and my
Self could get a furlow to gether i dont
know but i would come home, i would like
to be there on new year but then they are now
use of thinking every thing a bout it
for i now that i cant

Well abba i gess that you have got tired
of reading such foolish letters is this so
Stop hoping to hear from you soon
you must excuse poor spelling and bad
writing and consider where it came from
This is from your friend
W. H. Johnson So good by for this
time. Direct to Reol La M. O. A
First Battalion 1 Wa Cav Company

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