

Camped at Moscow Tenn

April 4<sup>th</sup> 1862

Respected Cousin

It is with great pleasure that I have seated myself this evening to try to answer your welcome letter which come to hand this evening and was received and read with the greatest of pleasure and to let you now that I am well and hearty and enjoying my self as well as a soldiers life will permit me to and hope when these few lines reach you they will find you and Deborah and all the best enjoying good health which is wone of the great blessing well Dan you dont now how tickled I was to get a letter from you for it had bin so long since I recived a line from you that I had begun to think you had forgot me but I guess you have not I know that I have not forgot you and the pleasures that I enjoyed while I lived at your house Dan now body nobs the pleasures of a home untill they have left wone and gone for a way then they fell the loss of home and friends folk well Dan we are a guarding the railroad and wone or tow bridges over wolf river thier is our regiment and tow more and wone Battery is all the troops that is here wee have throwed up a little breastworks in three different places to

from the enemy and we put our time in standing  
picket and Drilling ~~to~~ twice a Day it goes a little  
a gainst the grain to Drill for we have Drill so  
much since we have bin out but it dont make  
any Difference for our old ~~Cornel~~ <sup>Colonel</sup> takes us out nearly  
every after noon and Drills us two hours on Double quick  
and you had better think it gives us a good appetite for  
hard Cracker we call them Mrs Lincoln's sweet cakes  
but we draw light bread three days out of a week  
well Dan now for something else I have heard it -  
in two or three letter from home and Chesterhill  
and they all think that Sam Seckess because I wrote  
something about fighting for the neagros well Dan  
so a fellers heart - is all write it dont make any difference  
what people think a bout you does it Sam for the  
union soul and body and always expect to be and  
if I was Discharged to Day i would Enlist in less than  
40 days again for our Cause is Just and Conker we  
must or lay evay Yankee low in the Dust and Sam  
wone that will be Contented to serve my three years out  
willingly if they wont me to well Dan Sam not tired  
of fighting for the union nor never will will be  
well Dan you said that every slave we took weakened  
the southern army Sam with you thier I think the  
Ctoclamation hurt the ~~so~~ South ~~ready~~ as bad as  
the ball of Fort Donelson and every neagroe we  
Captured from them is as bad on them as if we had  
Captured <sup>hushell</sup> 50 of Corio or a bail of Cotton for they would

Raised that-mutch if we had not got them I dan  
Barn perfectly widden that the neagros shall be  
freed and sent of by thier selves you always rowed  
that-didnt you for dont you remember when ~~for~~  
John Brown made his raid in Virginia how I went  
a gainst you and Ike Porter on the subject  
it-~~does~~ does look purty hard for a soldier to risk  
his life for the freedom of ~~the~~ <sup>neagros</sup> but then we must  
save the union and it will free the neagros to  
and I dont care if it takes the life of old Jeff  
and all of his ~~crew~~ crew wonee they had the reins  
in thier hands but the horse run off and throwed  
the rider into a fit of confedraey and old Abe got  
in to the saddle an checked him well Dan you must  
not think that I am seckess for Dan as far from it-  
as any body a living well Dan Breckon you are somebody  
for seartin since you have got a new house and plenty  
of land and all you have to do is to live now and  
enjoy it- you have got a nice little farm well Dan  
they have comenced giving furloughs in our regiment-  
now thier has several gone home now but thier has none  
started out of our company yet but they will tow  
start in a few-days they will get 30 day furloughs  
but- only tow gets to go out of a company at a time and  
it will take about 2 months to give them all wone  
at them lieks but the officers and seargeants and corporals  
will get the first wones so I dont think I will get wone-  
before my time is out but If I live that long I think

I will except of wone then well Dan Gamon camp  
 guard to night and I am setting up and writing while all  
 the rest in bed Asa and Eligah are both well and Asa is  
 in bed and begining to snore well Dan I will tell you what  
 kind of grub we draw we get light bread half of the time and  
 the rest hard crackers and bot pork and beans and a few potatoes  
 toll homony some molasus and a little whiskey and several  
 other things to regions to mention but we get plenty  
 the most of the time some times we run out and then  
 they is a kick up in the kitchen they are a going to fill  
 fill all of the old regiments up with conscripts and I think  
 it is a good idea for thier is so many peaces of regiments  
 and so many officers a getting pay that is not doing  
 no duty I got a letter from Jonathan Fayett last  
 evening he is in port Royal and well and hearty well  
 I must bring my scribbling to a close for it is getting  
 late and nearly time for me to go on guard so  
 so no more at present please excuse mistakes and  
 bad writing for thier is plenty of them give my  
 love to all that enquires after me and keep  
 a good ration for your self and family so no but  
 well wishes from your well wishing Cousin

Abner L Monroe  
 to Daniel W Leambert  
 and Deborah V Leambert  
 Remember me when this  
 see me last and Ill do so to  
 Write soon

Write soon  
 In membership term  
 of 1st Regt  
 1st Divison  
 13 reg to 6. to in force  
 Moore - Stone  
 Sweet to