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[[written in pencil:]] 64 Pulaski Tenn June 12^h

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any corn or hay we have orders to feed from it and if the owner of it can prove himself to be a Union man he gets pay for it and if he can not he don't see any pay I suppose you know Al Elvin was captured and Paroled they took all his money watch boots hat and even the buttons off his jacket it will be woe to the prisoners that Co H captures after this Als parole if of no account not having been signed by him he was in thin hands and two men were guarding them (another man from Co K was captured with him) where the capt was fighting them if our boys had of had Carbines instead of the Enfield rifles they would have recaptured Al but they have to dismount to load while the Rebs can shoot off their horses as it was they were badly whipped three more of our boys were hurt a bullet burned

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first vacancy in the Hospital department he will give it to me Dr Davis and the other Asst Surgeon have quarreled and one or the other will resign Dr Culbertson swears he will not stay in this regiment unless Dr Davis resigns and Dr D say he wont stay if Dr L stays I think Dr Davis will go home there is none of the officers like him he drinks so hard and is no rough I always supposed that he was a very good man but he no man at all. Our Company presented Dr Lewis with a splendid brown Sash and Horse equipment costing \$115 so we have good thing on the Dr business I do not know whether I will take that place with him or wait in the Company the Cap said that he would give me a High Commissioned office the first

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We have not found Jimmies horse yet
I guess it is a gone case I have look
ed all over the country for miles
around and can not find him
Alex Smithes horse was the cause of
Als capture he [[strikethrough]] was [[/strikethrough]] gave out and
Al would not leave him so he was
captured Alex said that Al ought
to have left him the time we
go on another scout I will get
Jim a horse

Well I guess I have written about enough and as I have to write on my knee it is very tiresome I hope you are all well give my love to Frank and Hellen and Mat[[?]] Snodgrass and kiss Anna for me Good Bye Your Off Son

George

Sam Cowly has come back to the company but can do nothing yet with his arm he will have his discharge I guess he said to tell Josh he was better

George