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Palastki Tenn
July 15th 64

My Dear Father

I rec'd your letter of the 10th
or the 13th. You still owe me a letter
in answer to one written after the 4th
Last night our Regiment was paid
We rec'd two months pay and Half
Bounty I do not send any money
Home this time I loaned all my
spare money to Lieut Smith at 10 per cent
until next pay day I did not like to
do it but he has always let me have
any thing I wanted and done me
a great many favors and by borrowing
that amount from me he squared
up all his old debts and will be
all square with plenty of money next
two months I would not have done
it with any one else but I thought
I could safely loan it to him

for that short a time He is not
like Mitchell spend money first and
then pay debts afterwards He pays
every thing square as he goes.

Georgia got his pay from Mitchell
at last he is no longer with the
Officers and I think he has learned
a lesson in lending money to as
fast a Capt as ours.

Georgia is with Dr Lewis and gets
along first rate he has scarcely any
thing to do and if he will only study
well he can get a better position in a
few months - John Chute got home
this morning and I got my things
all right I am very well pleased
with the shirts they are just the
thing for I break out with the
heat so that the government wool
shirts dont suit me at all -

I also got the things you sent
me in Carelgo Box I

I wish you would go

to Stapp and Bramham and buy
me a good Black Coat and
send me I think if you will take
it to Smiths Clothing store you
can send it with Dr Saml Lewis
goods he says for one to that
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send it the first chance you
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less than 7 or 8 \$.

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two weeks although our Company
is about well on the 12th we
were called upon to bury Capt J. S.
Brinkley of Co I he was from Bloo-
mington Ind he was a good
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also a firm and good Christian.
He died very suddenly only being
sick 3 days I see him the day

before he died he did not think
he would get up again he said
if he was certain that his Body
Could be sent home he would
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October 1st. I suppose you will
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of the day the time you give us
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very fleshy man. He was a Lieut
in the 54th I knew him well.

Our Regiment is being gradually
scattered we only have 8 Companies
out of the 12 here with us now
We are building Stables I think
we will stay here all winter -
Mr Ryker left yesterday try
and see him when he arrives.

I must close good Bye

Your aff any
I B. Safford

P.S.
Hessley is expecting
a furlough to 1890
made to see his sick
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