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July 2nd 1864

Dear Father,

Your of the 28th mailed on the 30th came to hand to day at 3 P.M.

I have been looking for a letter from you for some days - we have been having some very dry and hot weather for the last three weeks but this afternoon it commenced raining the first for twenty days it rained very hard all the afternoon and to night it is cool and pleasant, the first cool night we have had for some time I expect to sleep well tonight. David Ripker from Canaan is here he came down to see his son who was wounded in this company on the 14th.
I wrote to you the particulars. You must try and see him as I am well acquainted with him and he can tell you all the news. I don't know when he will leave as his son is very sick yet you can find out when he arrives.

Alex Smithia came very sick dying day before yesterday. Morning he lay for three hours insensible and looked like death. He did not move a muscle and his eyes were glassy just like death's warning but the sentinels of our surgeon Sam'l Lewis he stayed with him all the time. He all through every thing in the world of him and would not part with him for anything. He has had the entire charge of the rest ever since we have been here, as Dr Davis has...
been detailed away every since we have been here. And our Regt of over 1100 men has not lost a man by Disease since we have been in Tennessee while the 9th and 2nd Camped along side of us have lost 30 or 40 by Death & since we have been here and we never have less than 35 go to the Dr every morning at Pile Call we have but five out of our 20 men in the Hospital & three of those were Wounded at Gallatin. He gives all the Credit to Dr Lewis. He has promised me to have George detailed as his clerk and assistant he wanted me but I wouldn't have George to have a better place so he has decided to take Georgi.

I had nothing said in this By but the News passes by the treating of the Cordial.
I understand that D. D. Brinkman was coming down here next week.

He was Mustard for Pay on the 30th of June and will probably
get paid about the 10th of the
month. We will get 16.5 per
month to June 1st of July be
drew up to the 1st of May
and now me will get pay to
the 1st of July. I have paid
George is 25.00 at Boening Farm and
this pay day he will pay him the
Balance he told me as he only
pends the note with the amount
of interest in five more bills and
I will give it to him

I received Helens letter this
week and will answer in
a short time.

Monday is the 15th how will
you spend it I would like
to be with you. I suppose it
will be with us as any other
day. I will remember last 4th
I stayed at home all day with
the who was very sick little and
I think them what are short
year would have for the but
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and we must not murmur
Pulaski Tenn
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I received Helens letter this week and will answer in a short time.

Monday is the 4th how will you spend it I would like to be with you I suppose it will be with us as any other day I will remember last 4th I stayed at home all day with Ma who was very sick little did I think then what one short year would bring forth but such is the ways of providence and we must not

I suppose you will have a Demonstration of some kind you must write me all about it as a letter from home is as good for a soldier as medicine would be if he were sick I get the papers regularly and think every thing in the world of this curious I must close good night J.B. Safford