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9 mm. L. Pierce
might be right
JMS. 8 of prod

July 2nd 1868

Dear Father

Yours of the 28th mailed on the 30th Recd at
Came to hand to day at 1 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 tonight it is cool and pleasant, the first cool night we have had for some time I expect to sleep well tonight. David Ryker 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 Smith came very near
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 nothing
but the untiring skill of our
surgeon Sam'l Lewis he stayed
with him all the time. We all
think every thing in the world
of him and would not part
with him for any thing.

He has had the entire charge
of the Regt 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 Ind Campd along side
of us have lost 30 or 40 by
Diseases since we have been here
and we never have less than
35 go to the Dr every morning
at Sick Call we have but five
men in the Hospital ^{out of our Co} and three of
those were wounded at Ballatin
We give all the credit to Dr Lewis

He has promised me to have
George detailed as his clerk and
Assistant he wanted me, but I
wanted George to have a better
place so he has decided to take
George.

I had nothing spoiled in the
Box but the Newspapers by the
breaking of the Cordial

I understand that D. C. Brumham
was coming down here next week.

We were Mustered for Pay on the
30th of June and will probably
get paid about the 10th of the
month we will get 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ per
man the price the 1st of May
before we ^{was} paid up to the 1st of May
and now we will get pay
to the 1st of July — Leapt paid
George 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ at Bowling Green and
this pay day he will pay him the
Balance he told me so we may
send the note with the amount
of Interest in your next letter
and I will give it to him.
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 every other
day I well remember last ~~of~~ the
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 murmur

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Pulaski Tenn
July 2nd /64

Dear Father

Yours of the 28th mailed on the 31st
came to hand to day at 13 hr.

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from you for some days.

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I understand that D.L. Branham[[?]]
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[[note: written on top of Page 1]]
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

[[written vertically]]
thing in the world of this curious I must close good night J.B. Safford