

Dear Selma Allabamma

May the fourteenth, 1865

Dear wife we have made the from
Mongummersy to this place and it
was the hilliest country that I ever
seen and I stood it well it is very
hot wether here we stopt at a
mill one knite and I got weighed and
I weighed one hundred and sixty eight
pounds and that is heavier than I was at
home we had very strict orders on
this march and were not allowed to
forage any if they did it was taken a
way from them and they were fined
I did not forage any for we had plenty
to eat on this march we arrived here
to day at one oclock and expect to
start away from here to morrow
morning by Railroad if nothing goes
rong we think that we are a going to
Demopolis in this State but dont now
For certain where we are going even our
officers dont know and much less then

have bin out we have done considerable
of hard marching and have got a good way
from home by the Rout that we come we
are about seventeen hundred miles from
home in our march to this place we crossed
the corner of the State of floriday and
I look fleshier than common for the time
of the year Dear wife I have not seen
Enny Country yet that I like as well as
I old Illinoiz well I must tell you a little
about my forageing me and some other
boys went out one Nite about three
miles from camp and got some pork and
molasses and we tried to get some lincal
but could not find eny as we were all
out of bread stuff there was about Enuff
of meat and molasses there for one ration
for, C. J. Smiths hole army corpse when
I got back to camp I traded some of
my molasses for some indian meal and
So I had a hearty supper on corn cake and
molasses and meat the fleet arrived last
Sunday and we have Enuff to eat at this time

From the appearance of things at this
this time here there will be no more
fighting as the Rebels are here a giving
up there arms every day and I have not
bin in any fight or skirmish yet nor I
have not bin on guard duty yet myself
and Jeremiah Smith are in a mess to
gether and sleep to gether some of the
think that we will get home in about
two or three months but I cant say
what will come to pass but I hope that
we will get ~~home~~ home soon but you can
better than I can as you can get the news
every day or week and when you write again
tell me all about home and the news and
if ^{you} have heard from father in law ^g and give
me his post office address I want you to
or father to try and find out whether
you can draw any money from the County
or not and if you can then I want you
ask, A. D. Hutchinson who is supervisor
of Rosefield and go and demand your
portion of him as I credited to that town

privates we may be going to the
Mississippi River for all that we
know vinburg for that is our head
Quarters and perhaps from there home
But you need not look for us untill
I Write again for we dont now what
may turn up we met a grate many rebz
on our march own there way home and
they say that fighting is plaid out
own there part I dont ~~Exe~~ dont
Expect to be home by harvest at this
time but iff I ~~dont~~ do I will cut my
wry myself and iff I dont tell father
to sell it to the best advantage but dont
sell it untill it is made I was very
glad to hear that my mare was so fat
but sorry to hear that the cow was
sick I hope that she is well again
I am glad that you have got my
photographs as I was afraid you would
not get them I would send you my
likeness but they are so high here
that I will wait untill I get to