



In Camp Dalton Ga July 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Father & Mother

Tom's of 14<sup>th</sup> inst. Iced by Ith who arrived  
 safely on the 17<sup>th</sup>. His box is not yet recd. I am not at all  
 disappointed in not receiving anything by Ith as I did  
 not expect it. And our ones has been, and is still well supplied  
 in the eating line. In sending things in future for Ith & myself  
 in the same box. Should like to have the division made at  
 home as it would be a deal more satisfactory. Give Herbert my  
 love & many thanks for Eggs, Honey, &c. Recd two (2) pair Socks  
 by Wash Wade; one woolen, and one cotton. The former I will  
 have no use for this winter or spring & in fact not until next  
 winter. Though I suppose I can trade them for cotton ones.  
 Have not been suffering for want of socks. I only wrote  
 about it so often for so that you would be sure and  
 get them by spring. Knowing the difficulty you have in  
 obtaining them. Ed's Laid was due yesterday but has not yet arriv'd.  
 In regard to the boots. Should like them made after the "Rogers"  
 style, sewed, with an extra half sole. Tacks or screws in  
 toe and heel. And if possible would like particular pains taken  
 with the "eye seams" as the one I have now are open after  
 having been sewed up twice. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday  
 of this week, were extremely cold, equally so with any we have  
 had this winter. Today is however quite pleasant. Splendid  
 weather for army movements. And I think if the gankers  
 were at Chatterboxes in sufficient force they would make  
 a demonstration on our lines. They are making quite a formidable

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Tennesseans has gone to reinforce "Polk", also sent Gen  
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intended to be sent but from some cause they have stopped  
the balance. From what I have seen of Gen Polk during  
a campaign, and any opportunities for doing so have been  
very good, I have formed a very poor opinion of his capacity  
as a general. There is no doubt of patriotism and all that  
sort of thing, but that he lacks energy is certain. He'd  
suppose it will do no good to find fault. We are having a  
very nice easy time but Breckin will make up for it  
this coming campaign. We have rumors that Congress  
has at last passed a tax-bill, which strikes every-thing  
also suspended the writ of Habeas-Corpus, and de-  
clared all betwixt the ages of 17 & 35 Confederate soldiers,  
don't know how true it may all be. I think this will  
be our final struggle (the coming one) And I shudder  
to think what will be the result, if we do not.

The Crocker's have now 104 men, thirty of whom are  
on furlough. Hunter has been sick several days but  
I believe is improving now. P. W. and H. H. King are  
both well. I never had better health in my life than  
at present. Hope yourselves, Charlie & Herbert continue  
well. Tell the dorkies howdy for me, and with love  
to all I remain your affectionate Son

Alfred Hall

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Son                      Alex K Hall

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