Camp near Cumberland Ga
Sept 14th 1862

Dear Laura

I received your last letter this morning after coming from picket duty. It was quite interesting - When you write again you must tell me what that was - that cousin Marie wanted you to tell Mr Screws - We go on picket now every three days. It is not a hard duty as we had in Ga - Our company went yesterday morning & came in this morning. We are getting mighty tired of this place Col - Hilliard has gone to Richmond I don't know when he will get back The health of our men now is tolerable good none of us have slept under tents or anything of the sort since we came up here. Every night we move within supporting distance of our pickets, which is a mile from our daily camp. I shall not ever say again that we expect to get into a fight soon, now how until we get out of

Tennessee, the last of creation. I have not seen any thing like a pretty young lady since I left home. I expect I should be frightened at the sight of one now although I would not be afraid to go home, as there would be hardly any about there who would frighten me. We have not yet heard any particulars concerning our great victories lately. I place very little confidence in them as being advantageous victories. I could write every day, but have nothing in the world to write about. Give my love to the young ladies. Write as soon as you get this & give me all the news. I shall send this by Harris a young man who is going to Debardeleben's Company. Your brother &c

J. E. Hall

P. S.

Ask father if he has ever received our trunks yet, that we sent back from Knoxville

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