

Columbus Ky  
Feb<sup>15</sup><sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Father, -

It has now been two weeks since I have heard from home. I wrote to Rolling not long since & directed my letter to Montgomery. I have been expecting an answer, - but have received none as yet. I received a letter from Tom not long since. I think you ought to take him home. In my correspondence with him I have endeavored to cheer him up - in every way I could. But in his last letter to me he said that he had written to you requesting you to let him come home. Poor Tom I expect he has seen a hard time of it. He seems to be so anxious to join the army. Our three successive defeats "Fishing Creek" - "Roanoke Island" and "Fort Henry". I don't like our arms being defeated - but so far as the South is concerned I rejoice at it as it is no great loss! I hope that it may cause a draft of such men as Northampton, who was so anxious to bring on the war so "ready & willing" to shed the last drop of his blood in defence of the South." Burden has just returned from Lenoir & tells us that

There will be a draft in the "44<sup>th</sup> Regt." I believe on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb, of course they will have a chance to volunteer before being drafted. We need recruits very much - 25 or 30 men. Now if we had a recruiting officer at home, we could get recruits. One of our men - Heath is in Antungaville, and is authorized to recruit for our company. If you can assist him in any way, it would be a great favor to the company if you should do so. Lt. Myriak has sent in his resignation and will, maybe, be at home then, if so he will recruit for us. We have not heard from Richmond concerning Wigglesworth's resignation yet. The health of our company is not good yet. No more deaths. We have had some very cold weather - plenty of snow and ice in the last two days. I hope you will save all your meat. I would be glad to hear from Holling and all of you. Tell Lollie I will answer her letter soon. Love to all.  
I remain

your Affection Son

Cas. A. Hall



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