Lick Creek, near Midway, Tenn
March 13th 1864

Dear father

Sgt Paull and several others have this evening on furlough for Montgomery and as you never or seldom get a letter by mail I shall take advantage of every one who passes - to send letters - It is sunday, we have just finished inspection - enclosed in this Cresshaw sends $100.00 which he wishes bonded - I send by Capt Manly my overcoat) which he has promised to leave at Hutchings drug store. Please have it taken home & taken care of - If you could have any of that cloth wove I spoke to you about - for making shirts like Aunt Mary's I should like to have about three of them - Some of my men passing all the time could bring them If the cloth is scarce I can do without them - I have two or three white shirts here but none others - My overcoat I left at home I shall not want I reckon before next winter - as we will have a good deal of hard marching to do this summer & spring Officers now draw rations with men - All of our men are in fine spirits, and with the exception of two or three in the Regt who are over 45 all have reenlisted for the war - Genl Gracie is expected to day - Men are returning every day from home - Capt Gulledge came in last night with other men fifteen or twenty have our regt this evening on furlough & as many more, yes, three times as many more will have in about

three days, under the reenlistment order.
The aggregate present of our Regt is now about 578. A very large Regt - I believe every officer & man in the regt is now satisfied
I never saw a command get along with more harmony in my life - Lt Jones has not resigned & has no idea of doing so. I have written home two or three times since I got here. & sent the letters by men going home
I am anxious to hear from home not having heard since I left except verbally by Capt Gulledge who said he saw you in Montgomery - Bolling sends his oilcloth cap by Sgt Paull. There is no news here
We are all in fine health - I got hold of some sick flour last night, which made me sick for awhile - but I soon recovered
Capt. Mise will pass through Montgomery I reckon about the time you get this, and you can write by him - Love to all
Tell Lawa & Hines to write I have written both - Goodbye

Your S.C.
John E. Hall

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