

Murfreeboro Tenn
December 12th 1852

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the whole day. Yesterday Wilcox's whole
Division was reviewed by Jeff Davis.
Sergeant Keller has arrived safely with all his goods.
My dear sister I need not say how thankful I am
to you and father for your kindness in fixing
me off so nicely. I have now every comfort one
could expect in camp. Plenty of clothing, bed-
clothing, ^{and} a good tent with the nicest little furni-
shable parlor chimney, to it that you ever
saw. I suppose you all sometimes when you
sit down to table wish that I could be with
you to enjoy a good meal. Now what do you
suppose we had for breakfast this morning.
Well we had some very nice corn bread, biscuit-
butter, nice fresh pork & sausage, and baked beef,
also some of the nicest fried game potatoes.
Besides the men around me are well and cheerful
and happy. God we are doing fine by now
and only wish I could see you all at home
as I should a short time ^{with you}. My true friend

come for a furlough yet. But I hope to take you
all by surprise some day. In the mean time
I'll make myself easy, comfortable and fat in
camp. The boys tell me I am getting fat.
I suppose I will have to give you a descrip-
tion of the Grand Review. We had to march
2 or 3 miles to the place (a large old field) where the
review was to take place. The Brigades were
drawn up in line of battle one behind
the other. The President, Gen. Parag, Gen. Polk,
Cheatham, Withers, and other Generals with
their escorts were drawn up in beautiful
array on the brow of a hill in front of us.
When all was ready the president with
Withers by his side (because Withers' Division
was being reviewed) followed by a host of
Generals, rode slowly down the front of each
Brigade. Each Battalion presented arms as
he rode by them. I knew Mars Jeff as soon
as I saw him. He was dressed in a plain
broad cloth suit, and as the men said you
could not tell him from any other old citizen.
The President then took his original position
on the brow of the hill. We then marched
by him in column of company, the officers
saluting him as they passed. We also
took our original positions. & the whole

Division then saluted by presenting arms and
giving three hearty cheers. This was the
"Grand finale" of the Review. We were
then marched to camp, where we ar-
rived, very tired and hungry. One of
the men asked me if that were really
Jeff Davis or were we fooling the men.
I convinced him with difficulty that
he had really seen Jeff Davis. I was much
amused at the man. Some few of them hardly
believe yet that he was the real Simon pure
Jeff. They have been deceived so often by
rumors that Jeff Davis was in camp
that they would not really believe it when
he did come. So you see that we can
have "Monkey Shows" up in this barbarous
country just as you can in Montgome-
ry. And the best of it was, that we
didn't have to pay a red cent to see such
a famous show as Jefferson Davis.
Quadrant left for college yet. I write to yourself
or Tom both the other day. Tom had better be
vaccinated before he leaves home. Give my
love to Hines, Lollis and the children. I
hope you all are as happy a family as we
are. a happy family.
Your affectionate Bro
Samuel A. Hall.

Dear friends and Family

December 14th 1862

Dear Father

I received yours sent by
Linn's June 10th before yesterday.

We had so much to do yesterday and
the day before that I could not write
hardly I had just dispatched 3 or 4

letters home. I did not see Linn

himself. I have written so many letters
home explaining our position that

I suppose you are well acquainted with
our situation at present. It is not expe-

dient to make any moves toward a transfer
at present. For besides our circumstances for-

bidding I hear that the Legion is in a dis-

organized condition being dissatisfied with the
appointment of Bradford as Col. Also I hear

that it is intended by the Authorities to break
up the Legion form it into ^{regiments} ~~companies~~ and

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Nothing more to say till matters become more set-

tled. Please let me know as to truth of reports about
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Your Affec Son
Linn A. Hall



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