

Evident mistake in writing  
the year, N. S. H.

Co. A. Co. 24<sup>th</sup> Ala. Regiment  
Near Dalton Feb 3. 1863

My Dear Patten [Feb 2, 1864?]

I arrived here safely last evening at 5 o'clock. I was fortunate enough to make the connection all the way through. The cars were badly crowded and made the trip very unpleasant. I left the Box in the depot at Dalton. I have sent a wagon after it. It is a great deal of trouble to bring boxes through on the train. We have to change cars very often and run a great risk at every place of getting them stolen. I am very anxious to get the Box and open it. I am fearful that our Butter, Sausage, Brandy, Peaches &c will all be in a mess. The Box has been turned bottom side up several times. I found every thing pretty much as I left it.

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visiting you all again.  
I feel so weary & fatigued  
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write you a long letter this  
time. Tell Vic that I

will write to her in a few days  
& may also. We have  
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thing came out right.

Nothing was injured.  
My love to Mother, Vic &  
all the family. Tell dear  
little Willie & Maggie how  
I hope they will know Papa  
when he comes home again.  
May God bless you my  
dearest one - Love & Affection

Your devoted Husband  
Newton

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Hd. Qrs. 24th Alabama Regiment.  
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My love to Mother, Vic & all the family. Tell dear little Willie & Maggie howdy. I hope they will know Papa when he comes home again. May God Bless you my dearest one.  
Good Bye.

Your devoted Husband,  
Newton.