Camp near Dalton Ga
May 5th 1864

Dear Sister

I seat myself to write you a few lines which leaves us well and hoping it will find you injoying the same good blessing. I have no news of importance to write the weather is clear and delightful Spring has set in at last and vegetation is growing very fast we are all expecting to fight here in a few days. the yankees drove in our pickets on the Cleaveland road yesterday at eight o'clock and we are all warned to be ready to move at a moments warning. all eys are on Generals Lee and Johnson but wether we are successfull or not is yet to be decided but there is one thing I do know and that is if the yankees comes here they will find one of the best army they have had to contend with since this war began We are having one of the best revivals here that I ever saw every body seems to be getting religion but I can not why it is I do not know we all aught to have religion for we do not know when we will be killed there were sixty five baptised yesterday and a goodmany have joined since.

Dear sister I think if we are successful this year it will clos this cruel and unholy war and then we can come home and enjoy our selfs with our people in peace tell father that he must have me a hat made or you can get my hat from frank Deans fathers and quilt me a cloth hat tell Cousin Clen that I have written here several letters but have not received no answer to them. D. P. has written Cousin Hiram a letter his command is at resaca I will close this bad written letter give my respects to all of the family and reserve a portion for your self your affectionate brother

J. H. W.

P. S. tell mother she need not be uneasy about me cureing any more I think some people have but little to do reporting every thing they hear they had better come to the war and fight for their country and quit telling lies