Camp 46th Regt Ala Vols
near Dalton Ga
Dear Sister (Feby 12th 1864

I write you a few lines very hastily I have put off writing, waiting for the boys Furloughs to return before I wrote you thought I have no news to write at present more than I am well and James is also well Sis, I said something to Pa about you making me a cloth Hat, I wold like you could muster up something to make me one if Pa did not get the stuff on his way home I am willing to sacrafice anything that that is reasonable to get a Hat of that discripsion This old Hat is so stiff I cant go through the manual of arms with any accuracy without knocking it off

Woodard & little Jamie Wilkinson has got Furloughs & will start back about the 25th or 26th of this inst, If you can make it at all try and send it back by Wilkinson, or as soon as you can Plat me a band or cord with tassels to it and put on it just let the tassels hang over the brim

Or one at least and a little Button on the top (a good tight fit for H.D. will fit me,

I expect that I will send after my round about Coat after awhile & send this one I wore home. I have Drew a very nice pair of Pants the color of my coat, only finer & I want you to put the Sergt. Stripe on the Sleeves most any color will do, so it is different to the coat I cant get anything of the kind to trim a coat up here, even if I could I could not execute the work so well as you. H.D. can tell you how to put on the trimming. 3 triangle Stripes, half way between the Elbow & Shoulders, let the interval between be about 1 inch but is owing to your trimming. You can fit it to your own fancy and it will please me so much the better. I great you will think that I am asking a great deal of you, off & on, but what I have got their, is with you, & it will be your own fault if you dont have Value Received for what you do for me, I dont want you to work for me for nothing I have no one to care for, but my own unworthy self & my chance is better than yours or Pa's for all I am in the war, exposed to every thing that is detrimental

Sis, you all may dry up, about our coming home soon under the present Order that now exist Only eight men from our company that is entitle to Furloughs & after those 8 leaves, And these men were the last that left home, Sick, I think it is hard, if it is fair, But its ale Military, Have to submit.——

Sis, now & I have just ate Breakfast, Cracklin Bread Fryed Ham Sausage- -Hew Buck Butter eggs &c, &c, @ man can afford to live in camps with such fare as that, We are living according to Gunter now, I have been laying off to have @ Nice Custard for dinner for several days I think we will try and have it next Sunday for dinner, & celebrate the 14th of February— I wish you all girls could be with us on that Day to dine with us, and participate in the Valentine Drawing,— The Married men & Single one will draw altogether So you girls need not be supprised if you get a Valentine from @ married man, neither Should the M-Lasies if they get one from @ Single man, But I am going to send my sweetheart one, if I do draw out @ M-Lady I find there is no Kind of use in Signing my name to @ letter, we never get @ reply to them, I think girls has forsaken the Soldier boys, They have ale Kind of Excuses

if they were disposed to communicate with them
For this is Leap-Year, & they should make good use
of the time. If they stand aloof while time & opportunity
presents its-self, it might be finely too late — But that
is @ most too far for us to go, on the subject. But I
reckon it is hardly Treason. Soldiers are allowed to say
what they please in the army, & they have no better
sense than to speak freely on other Topics. I suppose
it will all be imputed to the Soldier life. —

Sis tele Mother, if she have
got any of the Clegg Pills to send me @ few of
them. Providing you can see little Jamie Wilkinson
when he starts back. 25" or 24" —

Ere, this time you think I have laughed
out the meaning of the Term hastily. I've wrote more
than I thought I had time to write in the out-set
The Small Pox has abated in the Regt I believe, no new
cases at least, if it ever has been. S-Pox is @ question with me
I will close for the present. I shall only write by hand.
The mail has get to be so no count. you never get one any
other way. "Secret" Sis I want you to find out, whether [illegible] —
has ever Recd a letter from me or not, & let me know keep this a
Secret here at the bottom Your Bro, Jno. T. Pearson