Camp near Richmond Va Jan. the 17th 1862

Dear wife & children & father & mother Brothers & Sisters I seat my self this saturday evening to write a few lines to let you know I am well & hope these lines may reach you in due time & find you all enjoying the same Blessing Jarrod is well & hearty & has been ever since he has been in camps there is a right smart chance of sickness in our company yet but I think the health generally is improving we have lost 13 of our company since we have been in camps F. M. Thompson, R. H. Elliot, J. J. Browning, Thos. S. Stephens, G. S. Taylor, John T. Young, Wm. T. Stewart, P. A. Stewart L. W. Culpepper, John W. Ray, B. P. Chalk, Joseph Siles & G. W. Archer, are the names of those that have died in our company they were all good fellows and we regret the loss verry much for we needed them in these times of our countrys troubles

we have no interesting news in regard to war matters there is no news hardly some of us buy a paper every morning but give us verry little news they are hardly worth reading

we dont know when we will leave here nor where we will go to when we do leave our boys that was left behind in the hospittles hve not all got here yet but I think the last of them will be here in a few days we have had a verry moderate winter so far for the climate there has been 3 light snows the largest was about 4 inches deep there has been verry little rain it warm enough here now for corn planting time

I will close my short letter as I have nothing interesting so I remain yours &c. untill Death F. McD. Danielly

N. B. I have plenty of paper but verry little to write that would interest you

P. S. Those Boxes that Dr. Bibby started with has not got here yet he had to leave them on the way as the train was so much crowded but I hope they will get here in a few Days.