

Camp McCulloch, Straitcreek PO Highland Cty, Va.

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Dear Brother,

I received your highly appreciated favor a few days since on last night, and I now hasten to reply to yours of most recent date. Proud was I to hear that you had got to your peaceful home which affords pleasure to the poor soldier. God grant that you may soon be bestowed to perfect health. Glad am I to learn that you are mending so fast meny unhappy hours have I spent about you not knowing wheather you were ded or a live. You stated in your letter that you thought hard of me for not writing to you. I hope when you receive this you will excuse me. I can assure you it was my hearts dezire to write to you and also to heare from you, but when I got heare I was broken down and sick, and dident feel like writen or eny thing else so I cept putting it off untill I could get rested, by that time they told me that you had gotten a furlow to go home so I commensed writing home about you and could never receive an answer. I have written 4 or 5 letters home to find out wheather you had reached home or not, but they wer never answered. I dont know wheather they received them or not or wheather they just dident care about answering them. I written several letters to old Bedford that I know dident go and that might have been the way with them. Some seam to think that the post master put the money in there pockets and the letter in the fire so I will not pay on this letter and mabe it will go. I have been very sick myself and staid at Monterey several days but have got back to camp again. The day after I returned to camp they put me on duty and I was up all night and it was raining all the time as hard as it could pour down an I was in every bit of it for there is so meny living crepers in the guard tent that nobody will go in it so I had to take all the rain, so it came very near laying me up again. Billie I would advise you to stay at home as long s you can for I tell you this is a hard place out heare though I would like to see you heare if you was well for I would like to have you with me. Our Company is at this time 13 strong all the balance sick. I cant undertake to tell who all is sick and who aint for it would take all the paper I have. You must write me word when you expect to return to Camp, and give me all the knews of the neighborhood and home you dident write wheather they were all well or ded. Tell Pomp that I think very hard of him

for not writing to me tell him that I have writing him several letters and received no answer. I reckon we are stationed here for the winter for we have commenced putting up winter quarters. There is 4 regiments at Monterey our General is also there he is falling back here to winter. We got news yesterday that the enemy is advancing on us very fast I wouldnt be surprised if we dont have to do some hard fighting before many days. Billie we are just getting into hard times it snows and rains out here all the time and I tell you it is cold in our tents of a night. Sometimes I almost freeze of a night it keeps me with such a cold that I can hardly live the fact of the business is it killing all of us as fast as sheep dying with the rats they is no end to my coughing. I will have to close as it is so cold and I cough so much that I can hardly write at all. Tell Nannie to send me a pair of socks the first chance and I will make it all right. Give my love to all of the family, and tell them to write to me.

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From your affectionate Brother H. G. Compton