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Esteemed Brother and Sister, It is with the greatest of pleasure that I seat myself To Communicate to you a few silent thots and let you know that I still survive. It is not long I know since we were together, but now several hundred miles intervenes between you and I, but for my part, I am still in the enjoyment of good health hoping at the same time that you are all well and enjoying life with all it many Charms, that a sweet and comfortable home affords, which privliges [sic] I, at the present

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time, I am deprived of.

But not withstanding the privations of the present, I am Contented with my lot hoping that the future may still bring Enjoyments that will burry all those hard times so deep that they will never Be regreted or felt only in a way that will be a pleasure and a Consolation to know that I was one amont the many thousands that have Endured three years of soldiers life for the sake of Making a peacible and happy Country for our friends at home and ourselves if we are fortunate Enough to live to see this. Little Mess come to a Close.

Edwin, I have been verry lucky in finding My Co.[?], I was afraid for a while that I would not see them verry soon for the Corps that they belonged to is gon on along march and I supposed the Batt was gone to. But as fortune favored they had no horses and could not get them in time to go theirefore they were left and assigned to this Post and probbly will stay here for some time. The Boys are all well and feels as hapy as Larks in the Spring, their was one man in the Battery that got Wounded at Atlanta and they say he will loose his left arm the rest all came out safe. I saw John Fluke and Geo Hase they are Both well. Ed, I cant write very well at present being out of practise and I will quit for the present. You must write soon

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and let me know how you are geting along. give my respects to all the friends and also my address.

Your friend

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