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Esteemed Friend,

Your letter of the 16th of last month came to hand afiew [sic] days ago which I was very glad to receive and hear from home again. My health is good at the present time though the weather is getting rather warm here for to be comfortable. I would enjoy myself better now if I was up north about Old Kosciusko Co. State of Ind. for since the war is over we can take no interest in soldiering, and we may be so lucky as to get out by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and I am sure they cant spite me any by leting [sic] us out at that time But I don't make any calculations on getting out before September. So that if we don't I will not be disapointed [sic]. But I would like the Best in the world to get to help you fellows harvest. I would like to pile you up in the shade. We have no news much Except that the rebs are all surrendering as fast as they can and Civil law is now being Established in the most of the Southern States.

Ed, you can content your self [sic] now in regard to the war for you will never be called on now to fight in this war and you may think your self [sic] very lucky. I would like awful well to spend this summer at home but I Cant. I don't suppose But you must provide plenty to Eat for I Expect to visit your Cubbord about next fall. Write as soon as you get this and let me know.

Smith M Soza

[illegible] [possibly Ind. Battery?]

Care of Lieut Hallen(?)