

Camp Holmes Mar 25 1863

Mr R. C. Caldwell

Dear Brother

I avail myself of the present opportunity of dropping you a line to inform of my health I am in good health and patning every day the rest of our Boys are all well our company is in health the health of the Battalion is remarkably good at this time well Robert I have nothing of importance to right at this time we have good quarters here and good old Bacon three years old I expect from the looks and taste of it and plenty of loaf Bread so we will try to be satisfied with our condition knowing that a great many of our fellow soldiers fares not half so well

Will we have been payed our
wages I recived 13⁸ per month
The privates recived 11⁸ per month
that I think is poor pay for
a man these times when money
worth more twenty cents to the
dollar twenty five dollars would
not pay a soldier but we will
have to grin and hold on
we have had some bad weather
last and this week but this
morning is favorable I think
we will have good weather
our colonel has got back to
our Battalion again but he is
able to do duty yet The 40
conscripts has been coming in
pretty strong for the last week
we are sending them of as fast
as possible I will close by
asking you to write to W. L. Caldwell
and tell me all the news [17]