

May the 16 1864 Dear cousin
it is with the greatest of pleasure
that do take ^{the} New in hand to inform
you that i am well at present and
i hope when those lines comes to hand
may find you enjoying the same
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laughed freely near al night and
got up this morning with a
double stampt resolution and
feel as happy as the knighton
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are good here i expect we wil
be laid of in a few days and
of course what little i get wil
be sent home as soon as i get
it if you must do the best you
can i can not be with you al
though you are dear to me and
"sight of you al wil be great
to me you must be satisfied

for i am al right if i had
my choise to day stay here or go
home under the present Circumstances
i give^{you} the honor of a friend i
would prefer staying i am bettr
Satis fide now and have ben so
evry since i left home than
ever i was for three years fi fore
i am in bettr health now than i
have ben for nearly five years
but i out of one thing in to an
other and i am glad that i am a
way from home and in the Regiment
i am a Soldier for uncle Sam and i
wil obey and stay with his men as
long as it suits me it that is til
i am Gray i ure to long to come
home but i found that was
not making the thing gay i
cal my self a refle water
and in the confederate country
i stay wth my Girl tender

it You please and be sure
You do it as well as i would
treat or ought to treat my self
remember we are a nation that
have ben Greatly oppressed and our
kind President is making & slow
but a sure effort to open up^r the
way for us and my dear cousin
it is a glorious blessing and great
many others are engaged in this
glorious under taken and al
tho' it is our color ought to be
halcy and give our noble
President al the praise that
the tongue could express and
every other individual that are
now engaged in cause You are al
suppose to be up^r and a doing nor
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certain You wil not waist Your
money Your friends are watching for
Your appearance of imovement

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no ee case for You what ever
the white people said the colored
people could not drill now we
have we have to prove it that
we can drill as good as any other
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them that You can prove and show
the something els we are yet on
the policy is landed the boys are
al well and doing well Give my
love to the friends as soon as you
get this and see this report You
must give three cheers for the
fortune that hapend in our
regiment our sergeant John Shorter
of Colo is promoted second
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55 Massachusetts Regiment
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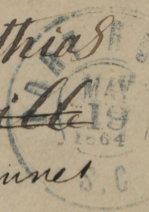
~~Lucas Hill~~ Indiana

now at Vincennes

Knox county

Soldiers letter

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May the 16th, 1864.

Dear cousin: It is with the greatest of pleasure that I do take pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present and I hope when these lines come to hand may find you enjoying the same blessing.

I lay down last night and laughed ~~in~~ pretty near all night and got up this mornin U with a double stamp resolution and feel as happy as a nightingale 16 degrees above the sky. Times are good here, I expect we will be laid off in a few days and of course what little I get will be sent home as soon as I get it. You must do the best you can I can not be with you although you are dear to me and sight of you all will be great to me. You must be satisfied for I am all right. If I had my choice today, stay here or go home, under the circumstances I give you the honor of a friend, I would prefer staying. I am better satisfied now and have been so ever since I left home than ever I was for three years before. I am in better health now than I have been for nearly five years. I am out of one thing and into another and I am glad that I am away from home and in the regiment.

I am a soldier for Uncle Sam and I will obey and stay with his men as long as it suits me if that is till I am gray . I used to long to come home but I found that was not making the thing gay. I call myself a rebel router and in the confederate country I stay. Use ~~my~~ my girl tender if you please and be sure you do it as well as I would treat or ought to treat myself .

Remember we are a nation that have been greatly ~~oppressed~~ ^{oppressed} and our kind President is making slow but a sure effort to open up the way for us and my dear cousin, it is a glorious blessing and a great many others are engaged in this glorious undertaking and all people of our

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color ought to be happy and give our noble President all the praise that the tongue could express and every other individual that is now engaged in our cause.

You are supposed to be up and a-doing, nor idle and waste time and I am certain you will not waste your money. Your friends are watching for your appearance of improvement. You all must move, there is no excuse for you whatever .

The white people said the colored people could not drill; now we have proven it that we can drill as good as any other nation on the globe. Now prove to them that you can prove and show them something else. We are yet on the foley (?) is land.

The boys are all well and doing well. Give my love to the friends as soon as you get this and see this report. You must give three cheers for the fortune that happened in our regiment our Sergeant John F. Shorter of Ohio (?) is promoted Second Lieutenant - huraw, huraw, huraw.

No more at present.

John Posey of the 55th Massachusetts regiment . Company great big D.

To Mathias Embry.