Bridgeport Alabama
April 12th 1864

Dear Mother

I have just receed yours of the 27 & read it with much pleasure; Glad to hear that you are all well and enjoying yourselves, This is a raining day & think I will answer it, though the rain dont make much difference with me generally, but this morning I was calculating to wash my clothes if it hadnt rained, Sometimes when I feel like it I wash for some of the rest, for 5 cts a piece last week I washed for Hewit of Hadley & he made me a ring which I will send to some of the girls, & I have two that I made which I will send, I could make some pretty

Evening — Watson & I have been making pies all the afternoon we have made 10 apple pies & it is quite a job as we can bake only one at a time

Think are made good pies for the first attempt

the pies are worth 20 cts

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wheather I can get a pass to go & see them or not — but think I will try it some time, I think there isnt any trouble writing to them now, but dont know wheather they would get their mail at this office or not but should think this would be the office

Yesterday all the soldiers here — except the E & M & Regt of mounted Infantry were out on a general review, I dont know how many there was, but guess about 4 or 5 thousand, They came out in front of our camp so we had a good chance to see them There was one battery of 6 guns, they fired several rounds — I guess to practice their horses some of them acted as though they kneeded it, Had good horses

Well B I am as well as usual if not a little better, Watson is quite smart again, Levi Smith is gaining finely A good many soldiers passing here going to the front expect there will be some hard fighting before long & I think if the spring campaign prove successful things will look lighter & I hope we all can come home to vote for father Abe or some other good man write after as you can & remember me to all the friends

Your Brother, I K Hough