but I do not spend much of my time there, for the cook shanty is more quiet in the evening & I am obliged to be here most of the day, We dont have much sunday here & especially the cooks, men will get hungry & must eat, We draw rations this forenoon & this afternoon we had to bake biscuit as we did not get enough Saturday (after baking most all day) to last over, We have drawn fresh beef a number of times lately & Pea once, which is quite a treat here especially tho the beef is not very good, at home we would not think it fit to eat, Well I suppose you want to know every time how I like it here, I have enjoyed myself & have had things much more comfortable than ever I expected in Dixie, Our cook shanty is about 36 ft long & 12 wide. divided into three parts, 2 messes of about 25 men in each part, so we have 12 ft square a good fireplace (with the exception of its smoking occasionly) built of sticks & mud, with an iron axletree of an old waggon to hang our kettles on, I am getting so I like cooking first rate, they are rather more independant, know just what they have got to do every day, & when they have done it can do what they have a mind to, but any one that is well can stand the usual work of a soldier here, We draw considerable more rations than we use but we cannot get read of them all, to any advantage to our selves We are one bbl flour three boxes of hard bread, one bbl Bacon a head The quarter master aught to take them back & pay us the government price, but he dont do it so what we cannot sell orgive away