



Smithland Ky
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Dear Brother
I will now write
ite a few lines
to you about
myself and thin
gs generally if I am
well informd you
are injuring me as
well as Kate by the
way you are doing
about our connection
with each other that
is a secret betwixt
ourselves as for Huntz
she will never live
with him again and
no law can compell her
to she could get a divos
e from him any time

or she can wait
a little over two years
and that will clear
her by law if she
takes good care of
my children I shall
let things take their
course until I come
home if I live that
long and then if there
is anything wrong in
Denmark I will find
it out but I don't
think it will be any
credit to you to try
and run her chari-
cter down to the world
I am about sick my-
self and have got
a bad cough and
have lost several po-
unds since I left

Fixon our regim-
ent has traveled ab-
out fifteen hundred
miles since I have
inlisted some of the
time I have had to
lay down in snow over
night sometimes on the
frozen ground in our
tents and no fire to w-
arm us sometimes not
hing to eat only hard buns
crut and some of the
soldiers would not
have anything there
is about one third
of regiment sick there
is a good many of our
company sick and some
have died I stood it
thus far without be-
ing down sick my
company has been so

jug about and starved
make them, ack like
wolves when there is
anything to be had and some
would not get anything
so they have messes of
in squads and shall
myself look for one
squad and have to sit
and guard like the
rest those that have
been sick this winter
which are in masur
i and Ill Hospitals
I dont expect to get
any money from ^{them} for
booking so that I will
not get near so much
for booking as I expect
ed but there is no
time to grumble now
I will write to Kate
about my rifle I have
no room to say more
C. H. Hatcher