

Courth, Feb 27 / 63
Miss

Dear Brother I received
your last letter a few days
ago and one from Josephine
last night Charles got two
last night it seems Sam
has got through all of
his troubles and hope gone
to rest where there will
be no more pain and sorrow
I have not heard any par-
ticulars as yet from Char-
les I am now backing
for one squad of 19 men
I told them I had rather
cook for nothing than
to stand guard every
other day it wants a man
of an iron constitution

to stand it to lay on the regiments our regiment will
ground when he is of from be paid for only two
relief so I told the Boys months pay now. the army
in one squad I would where the Taylor Boys is in
charge and try cooking has been payed up to the
arohile the regiment has first of January I am
gone after prisoners now now still of the same opini
to Alabama they started two on that I was in my
days ago the rain was so last letter to you that
ring down in torrents I have grey backs want to keep
~~from~~ heard from since they on hand long if this war
started they have had to wade continues wateh longer
in the water most half a I had rather have my money
mile some place from kn in stock or a colt what
up deep to up round the I dont kned for Josephine
re wait little to you kn I, Ella Charles tells me
our up north what we that Hannah Fraws & Dalls
have to ungo in these per month from Ogle
marches it is enough to Co since he has been
kill a dog. our paymaster in the army dont
has come and has commene any of the Soldiers fam
ed to pay of some of the this of Fixon Fraw
any pay from the town

Emma tells me that every child under four
teen years old draws 4
dags per month in maffa
cigarettes whare there is
ther is in the army
I shall send some of my
clothes home by express
in a few days that I don
t know and Charles will
send some with me, I
will have them directed
to you I suppose you ha
ve let Hannah have some
money for Elba I got a
letter from Emma Taylor
to ago she has again been
sick with a fever but is
better now it is spring we
ther to day warm as may be
north what are you
calculating to do this sp
ring I think you might
make lots of money by
farming now everything
is so high now

you buy one horse and
then get another horse
in my name for me
whether I will pay for
a part as soon as I can
find the price the rest
in a few weeks the Boys
would loan me some money
if I wanted it and then
you might raise enough
for one family it is better
than to have to buy or
anything as you do now get
some young horses or mares
I think it would pay
well but you know best
what would be for your
interest I wish Johnny was
down this way so that he wo
uld have a chance of
smelling Battle for money
in his life and then he
could have something

to talk about but
long as he stays in ill
inols he never know^{wh}
at a battle is but let him
v be where I have been
since they war has commene
and if he dont heare some
singing in his ears that
will make his eyes sti
ck out or I am no judge
I know that the cannon shell
made me dodge some when
they come to close it was
the most earist music ever I
heard and the Bullets made a
noize like ~~zip~~ past my ears
I hope we shant have to go
to vixburg if we have any
more fighting to do I want to fi
ght behind the breastworks in
corinth and then one soldier
would be equal to four or fi
ve scize in front of them
I will now close as I have
got to the Bottom of the page
please answer as soon as you ge
t time from your Brother
C H Hatch