

Alexandra May 19 / 65 D C

Dear Brother as it is
wet and muddy to walk round
to day after shower we had last
night. I thought I would write
a few lines to you to pass away
the time. I feel a good deal better
than I did a few weeks ago my
appetite is getting pretty good
so that I can eat most anything
any one else can even greens
which you know I would not
eat at home. I expect my regi-
ment in to day they have had
a hard time of it, coming
from Raleigh to this place. Some
of the boys in Shermans Army
have tied right in ^{the} tracks a ma-
rching it has been so hot.
I was sent round by water
the doctor thought I was not
able to march by land to this
place of Shermans Army. There
has been five thousand sent by

water and land to this place
there is a gging to be a re
view of the troops here ne
ar Washington before they
start for home the Potomac
Army will be reviewed fir
st andy Shermans next but
I think I shall get back
to Dixon by the fourth of
July I would like to know
the prices of a good many
things in Dixon before I com
e home whether land is as hi
gh as it was before, also
the prices of horses + cows an
d dry goods and groceries
and also if Gooddington has
concluded to pay me or not
or whether I got to take my
house back again or not I ha
d rather have money that he
was owing me the last I hea
rd from you than the house
and lot for I have found

out where I can make a
ten strike that is make one
dollar count three in two
years from the time I get
home provided I can get
what money that belongs
to me as soon as I get
home but you shall have
your pay as soon as I get
back if you have not got
it yet I have always work
ed like harder than any mi
ner and have never got mi
tep to show for it but I
think I have got on the track
where I can make something
in my letter to you last I
think it was I mentioned ab
out helping farther redeem
the old place back again
but I can be a great deal
better than that I would like
to have a letter from you before
I start for home it may be

some advantage to me to
be posted about the prices
of a good many things I
might want. I will write
until tomorrow before I fin-
ish this. May 20. I will now finish
this letter. Sherman's Army got in
yesterday, except the 4 divisions
of the 15 Corps which will be
in by noon to say the New York
Herald says, we are to be reviewed
and sent home within ten days
the review comes of Sherman's
Army the 27 if I get home in
three weeks from this time I
shall be satisfied but the Chi-
cago papers will keep you posted
when the Illinois troops are com-
ing. I don't think you will have
time to answer this, if we go hom-
e as soon as the papers say
but I will send this along now
I have got it wrote so good
Bye C H Hatch