

Fort Anderson
Newbern NC
June 8th 1863

Dear Father,

As the mail leaves today I concluded to improve it by sending you a few lines. We are all well and in good spirits. Yesterday we were officially declared consolidated into 5 companies. Our Co. is broken up and goes into Co. A. Several officers are going home, but not one of our number. We are still here and in all probability shall continue to remain here. The weather is very pleasant, but quite dry, in fact drier than common. We are expecting pay soon but don't know exactly when it will come, perhaps this week. I received a letter from Mary last Saturday and several papers also a letter from Cousin Anna. A few days since, I had the pleasure of meeting James Nichols formerly of De Kalb and an old school mate. He belongs in the 3rd NY Cavalry and at present is an Orderly for Gen. Potter. Chief of Staff. As you might imagine we had a good visit and could talk over old times much to our satisfaction. Much anxiety prevails here in regard to operations at Vicksburgh and we almost fear that Grant has been defeated yet we hope not.

I have not received a letter from home for 2 weeks, but I expect they will be here before long. I shall write again soon. Hoping to hear from you ere long I remain as ever,

Your son,

John