

[Letter from V. W. Sargent in Moscow, Tennessee to his parents in Iowa]

No 18 [written in left hand corner]

Moscow Tenn

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I received your letter No 15 today which found me well and glad to hear from you and I hope this will find you well also [also]

I am stout and healthy and have ben [been] so far and hope I shall be while I am in the army [army] for it is a bad place to be sick

It is not very hot here it has ben [been] cloudy for two or three days back but the sun has come out today in all its glory

ther [there] has nothing happened here laityly [lately] we have to go on picket every third day and drill a little every day so you see we have a little exersize [exercise]

the news still continues to be good I think that I shall be home in less than 6 months (at the outside) if I am alive.

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I can get a furlough I expect after a while if I want they are furloughing for 30 days now but I think that I shall not take one Sam R is a wrihting [writing] to his wife today he is pretty well. I expect that we will get pay pretty soon and settle up with the government to see who has drawn more than their \$40 worth of clothing I expect that I have drawn about \$33 worth I will get money for what I do not draw

I got the letter that you wrote on the ~~erick~~ Creek

I will try and get a pass to go to Memphis and see Darwin but then I dont [don't] know what hospital he is in and I might hunt there all day and not find him for there is 10 or 15 hospitals there and if he was ded [dead] I could[rest missing]