

Camp Suffolk Va Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 62

Dear Cousin.

Your welcome letter was recid some time since, but owing to various reasons, and a bad cold in particular I have neglected to answer it before I took a hard cold a week ago Friday while on guard and sleeping in a cold guardhouse.

We had orders last week to march with three days rations and in light order. Well we were soon ready and in ballaline line, when the order was countermanded until further orders, so we are still here enjoying ourselves as best we can. I recd a letter from Nan & Ed last night.

The Friends were all well, Nothing  
new in Town. Ed said there hadn't  
been any body married since I left  
and he thought they were getting  
behind, as they had generally been  
the leading Town. Strange that  
Boys of his Age should talk so, but  
he is, as I think a fine Brother I will  
make allowance for him.

I Am kept very busy all  
the time at something or other, for  
the past week we have been building  
our winter quarters, which when  
completed will be a first class house

It is some fifteen by twenty feet  
built of logs, with flooring split  
from the tree, with a fire place and  
window. The furniture I will not  
describe. I Recd a Box from home  
some time since with many good  
things, but in a family of five or  
six provision disappears rappedly.

I have just finished my dinner  
we had some nice fried sausage  
with warm bread and huckelbury  
rice, pretty good for a soldier.

I hope the time is not far  
distant when I may enjoy your kind  
invitation. Who is there that will  
not rejoice when the day of jubilee  
comes & when there will be no more  
war nor rumors of war. Won't it be  
glorious.

I rec'd a nice long letter  
from Uncle Dick some time since  
but have not found time to answer  
it yet. They were all well when he  
wrote. We have been blessed with  
beautiful weather for the past three  
weeks, today the sun is shining  
beautifully, - the nights are generally  
frothy with a heavy fog.

The Company  
of Cavalry in which Cousin Saml. Kelly

is in care at Capitol Hill, Washing-  
ton. I am glad to hear that your  
Father returned safely from his errand  
of mercy. My regards to him.

I think you  
are blessed with the best of a Father  
and how few there are that will  
leave their families and business to  
minister to the wants of the suffering  
Soldier. Rich will be his reward.

I must draw my letter to a close  
as I am to go on guard again. I  
almost dread it. The drum has  
sounded and I must go. From Your  
Affectionate and loving Cousin  
Sam.

P.S. Love to all write soon.