

Enclosed you will find a
Photograph
Remember me kindly to all the
Brethren. I Remain, as ever your
Affectionate Cousin Sam.

Camp Suffolk.

June 7th 1868.

Dear Cousin.

I recd your very
welcome letter yesterday
on my arrival from home.

You may be assured I was
glad to hear from you it being
some time since your last.

While at home Maggie recd
a letter from you and by that
I learned that you were all
well.

I have been off duty
for a long time, some nine
weeks before I received my furlough
which was fifteen days. While at
the Genl Hosp^l I applied for

a leave but was not successful
until I returned to camp, and
being advised by my Capt and
Surgeon, to go north together
with Sibbie wish for me to be
present at her wedding, I sent
in another application for
a leave of fifteen days which
was granted, but too late for me
to be present at the Union.

They left for Easton Pa, the
same evening I rec'd my leave.

I was very sorry that I could
not have seen them before they
left. Our people gave me a
history of the wedding which
must have passed off very pleas-
antly, - well as our family is
quite large, I may perhaps,
have the pleasure of attend-
ing some of their weddings.

I think best to look on
the bright side as long as

Can, what think you of it.

I had a splendid time while at home, visiting friends. The first that I done was to visit or rather call on all of my Boy's friends first as they were anxious to hear from them, and I was well paid for my time, in the kind way which I recd from them. I wish you might have been with me tho have shared the blessings which I received.

I brought back a good many packages for them from their friends more than I did for my self.

When I arrived at the depot I found several of them waiting for me and it done me good to see them. I left the friends all very well, Uncle Dick took dinner with us the day I left. We are living in a brick mansion fifteen by twenty feet

In the corners each side of
the table that I am writing
on are our bunks and in the
centre is our table, spread with
a white cloth ready for dinner
so you see we are quite comfort-
able so long as we stay here.

Last night we had strawberries
minus the cream, with warm
cakes and tea. Last night six
Co's of our Regt were ordered out
some three miles from camp
for the purpose of capturing
a lot of Bushwhackers who have
been firing on our Cavalry pickets
and killed one the night before
about twelve we had a very heavy
thunder storm and the rain fell
in torrents and continued till near
ly three, when we came in to camp
- we saw nothing while there.

While I was standing in the
rain I could not help thinking
of the difference of only a week
when at the same hour I was qui-
etly sleeping at home where all
was peace and quiet, but such are
the fortunes of war. I hope your
pictures will prove to be good ones
and please remember your Cousin
Sam. I hope you may have a pleas-
ant visit with your Brother