

Corinth Miss  
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Dear Cousins,

I received your letter this afternoon and am happy to hear from you all again. I am as usual enjoying good health & spirits. I have nothing new to write, as there has been nothing very exciting going on since I last wrote to you, with the exception of the execution of one of our Alabama cavalry which took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July, Charles desertion from his post while on picket duty & going to the rebel army where he was taken again as prisoner & shot. previous to joining our army he was in the rebel service but deserted & came to us. I think he was merely acting the

Our whole garrison was called out to witness the scene. we formed three sides of a square in a large open field. the prisoner was marched in front to the whole length of our line behind his coffin carried by four men his escort was a band which played the dead march only while in front of the infantry a platoon of men as guard & an other with arms reversed. while passing our regimental bands each in its turn played the dead march. which allways sounds more solemn than the cannons roar. one band struck on the old town Port Vernon. he was then marched to the front & center. where he was seated upon his coffin, after ceremony of the chaplain which was short. & his charge & sentence read to all was soon shot. the work was well done. a number of shots

taking effect in the head & heart  
died immediately. it was one of the  
most affecting scenes that I have  
ever witnessed since in the army.  
and I hope never to witness another.

We are having very warm weather  
but have not suffered any for the

want of rain. we have not been out  
on a tramp since last April. but  
we will hope to go out I think soon  
as the hot weather is over with,  
there is quite a nest of them out  
in that part of the country where  
we were on our last trip. one corvid  
is continually on the scout, but  
it appears they are unable to kill

them. You say you will kill a turkey  
when I come home. now I want you  
to remember & keep one for when  
I come if I don't find any turkey  
around the chickens, &c. as anything  
of that kind will have to suffer,  
if I could tell you when I will be

home I would be glad to do it,  
but I hope it will be some day;  
you say there is a considerable of  
resistance to the draft. I expect there  
will be that, but I am in hopes  
that it is not going to be misre-  
presented. I have not had

any pictures yet. we have not  
had my pay for the last five months  
& we are all nearly out of money now  
but I will soon as I can get a number  
of pictures taken. I am glad to hear that  
mother is well. dont forget to write her  
& all the rest of them. it is now  
supper time so I will quit so as to  
get ready for peroid. write again  
soon I am your Cousin

Parathan,