

Bayou Beuff Nov 14th/62
Co. A. 8th Reg. Ill. Inf.

Dear Sister

After so long a time I seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know that I am in the land of the living and enjoying good health. I suppose it has been far different with you as far as health is concerned; I am sorry that you have such a hard time of being sick and all the rest to; I hope you will excuse me for neglecting to write to you for so long a time for I havent had time to write but a little for a long time and then I have had to write to Father & Lyman about business affairs, our regt has been out on an excursion for three weeks with nothing but our blankets with us. I should not have any thing to write