In the field near Fish River at 6:30 A.M. March 23rd

Within Thirty miles of the City.

Dear Sister,

I received your letters the night before we left Fort Atkinson the army started on the seventeenth.

Patrick's Day in the morning we arrived here after six days of bad weather we had to wait for the supply train the roads were so bad that the columns stopped up. We advanced a distance of forty miles through a dense wilderness.

Our camp is in the woods and the Rebs are all around us. Gen. Abbot and Davis are between us and Mobile City. With twenty thousand men we expect to leave...
here some time next week. General Thomas is ell arbining down the clabamey river with a large force whin the force all gets to gather it will be one hundred thousand strong the rebs are said to be thirty thousand strong at the city strongly entrenched our men are all in good health and eager for the fight tell Kate and Clara I will do something for them I get out of the army I dont feel able to now please write if you received the money I sent home it intended fifty dollars of that money for either she will give you
enough to by your thinkets with please excuse this writing as our Brigade is command by General Benton the instruction is command by General Banks and Secretary

Direct your letter 2½ 13th 18 ½ Army Corps Dept of the Gulf give my love to each other Luke

P I think it will close in a while sale slaughter
Conscript Camp
Fair Haven
Sunday Aug 25 Conn
Sister Eliza

Here I am par
and happy as a lark with not a
thing to mar my happiness. I
arrived here safe and sound after
after a dusty ride of two 200 mile
and was placed in the third
story of a dusty loney old bul
and the being no one to 500
same floor; however I enjoyed
myself tip top. Our gurl is not
the best nor the best yet just goes
down and that all. Jack pockets
are thicker than lice on a soldi
ers shirt button and not anight
passes but some Body loses some
thing but as yet Am safe
There are about 600 Confederates here and we all bank all together. Last night was my last night though. I was detailed to say one of the best in the U.S. They live high and have as good quarters as the Officers I will stay here my time out till they send me and she will all right. There is an old sergeant punching me up and I will have to be in best. Your Brother George

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