

AL HANK TO MACK

Steubenville March 3rd 65

Dear brother I have  
Got home at last to mi Dear friends & I am thankful to God for it it was threw his mersy that I  
Got home Safe Mi helth is not very Good at Present the change of Grub Did not Set very well  
with me I came home yesterday I took them by Surprise Henry I never want to be a Prisner a  
gain I Should reather here Shot & Shel al the time I wil tel you how I Got taken Prisner you  
[k]now I was on the left of the Skermish line when we came to the Slashing well when I came up  
I Saw two rebs walking along the in Side of the works & I took up mi gun to Shoot & anderson  
told me to Put that gun Down & fored [forward] dobel [double] quick for he Said them was our  
men & I told him they was rebs he Said they was our men & for me to Go a head & thaut  
[thought] that I could Go if he could foler [follow] but he did not come So I Got So far in that I  
could not Get out & when you fel back the rebs came over and took me O did the A[d]jutant Get  
back if he Did not he was Shot for he Got away from them and after he left I herd them Shout  
three times I was afraid then that he was killed Henry I tel you I had it hard there this winter  
how I wish to be with the regiment I had but two meals a day & that was very Small in the  
morning I had bread & meet & for Supper bread & rice or beans & them half bugs Sometimes  
the meet would be So rotten that you could hardly lift it up & covered with magots we had no  
fire to warm buy no not enough to call fire I never was warm but three times this winter I am  
Going to Michigan next thursday O how I wish you was here to Go with me I know I would  
enjoy mi Self mutch better but I think I Shal have Some Good time eating Sugar

I Dount feel very well Since I came home the change of Grub give me the Diare I cant  
think of any thing more to write this time O how thankful to God I was to get home to See mi  
famly wel I must Stop for this time Answer this Direct to morganville Hillsdale Co Mich as  
Soon as you Get this

Alvin E. Hank  
to H Mc Ewing

this is the Size of mi ration of Corn bread this was Squair every way
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