

Camp near Alexandria Va.

March 18th 1863

Dear Parents [Silas Holt & Emily Holt] & friends at home

I now take the opportunity to
write you a few lines to let
you know how I am getting along
well I feel some better to day
than I have in several day
I have been having quite a time
with my ear I took cold & had
agathering in my head it makes
me quite deaf, the boys laugh
at me & say I play deaf
but I guess they don't plague me
much, two of our company
died yesterday George

Foster [Private George P. Foster died of disease 16 March 1863] & Mr Annis [Private Ira P. Annis, died
of disease 17 March 1863] one from Iosco [Iosco County, Michigan]
the other from Pinckney [Pinckney Village, Michigan]. there
is quite a good many sick at
present, I hope this will find
you all well & enjoying your selves

I suppose you hear from us
quite often I generally write about
3 or 4 times a week to some of you
I write as often as twice a week to
Hannah [Hannah J. Holt, Square's wife] I haven't any news to
write Byron [Private Byron Holt, Square's older brother] is going to write soon
is this we have a good deal of wet
weather here & plenty of mud
Pa [Silas Holt] if you are coming down
here you ought to wait till it
got settled weather I think you
would enjoy a visit down here [e]
very much it would cost you
at least \$50 you might as well
spend a little of your money
that way as you wont
know the difference a hundred
years from now no more this
time my love to all
from your affectionate
Son Square. Holt
write often