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Decatur Ala.

May 27th/64

Dear Aunt

having nothing
to busy myself about this morning
I thought I could not do better
than to write a few lines to you,
my health never was better than
it is at the present time, but they
keep us running around so much
that one does not have any time to
enjoy good health or any thing else
except marching and if any one can
enjoy that they can get all the
enjoyment they want down here.
We have marched about one
hundred and forty miles within

the last eleven days, and we
have got as much more to march
in the next eight or nine days, but
the roads are good and the weather is
fine so we do not mind it much
we have left all of our Tents behind
so we can have our Knapsacks carried
so we are in light marching order,
and we march at the rate of about
sixteen miles a day.

The non Veterans of our Regiment
time was out the 24th of this month
and we left them at Huntsville
the Colonel and some other officers
thought they would do something
smart and get them to drive ^{a drove} of Beef
Cattle through to Chatanooga but the
big boys would not do it, so they
have sent them north to be mustered
out, that leaves our Regiment very
small with the veterans and what
recruits we have got, we only have
two hundred and forty left in the Reg.

but what is left is almost as good as
our whole Regiment was when we first
came out. you will scarcely ever see one
of the veterans at the doctors, but every
night you will generally see nearly
every recruit in the Regiment going
at to him to get medicine for some
ailment or other. I had a letter
from home a day or two ago. Soldier's
health is very poor. Uncle Thira
is sick and they do not think he will
ever recover.

This is not much of
a place but it is pretty important
as a Depot for supplies when troops
are marching through this part of
the country, we have to cross the
Tennessee River here on a pontoon
Bridge, it is the longest Bridge of
the kind I ever saw, from here we
go to Rome, Georgia where I suppose we
will join the right wing of Sherman's
army, to operate against Atlanta

unless he should take it before
we get to him we are having
very encouraging news now and we
are in hopes that this summer will
close the war. but ~~we~~ can not tell.

I do not think of any thing
more to write to day. give my love to
all of my friends write soon and
direct to Co. "D" 15th Regt Ills.

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My best wishes to Uncle Daniel
and Kata, also to yourself

Yours as ever
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