

near guard. They Threwed some
Shells at us but hurt nobody.

On Christmas day they were shelling
us with two little pieces. After that
they did not interrupt us any more.

We had two men by the name of Remy
and Davis killed in our com. ^{act.} Two wounded
by the name of Ditto and Baye and two
Burny and Peoples Surrendered and one
missing by the name of Renfro.

It is getting late and I have to write
by a ~~fire~~ light wood fire so I
will have to close my letter soon.

We are all in good health Pete is unhurt
all the limestone boys come out safe.

Ben. Kenady is here. His wound is not
entirely well yet he says Joe. Baker is
doing well - he is at an excellent place
in Alabama.

Ben. is going to try to
try to get a furlough and come home -
Joe will do the same when he gets able to
come to the Regt. I have not still
heard anything from Gye I hope there
is nothing the matter with him that we
cannot hear of him:

I would like to hear from Jim when
you write:

Give my love to all the family and
relations and all enquiring friends and
to your selves reserve my best affections.
Give my special love to Father and
mother

With these hastily and badly
written lines I remain your brother
Samy. N. B. I had like to have
forgot to say a happy new-year and don't
know if it is not a mockery to say it when
a desolating war is all over our land ruining
the country and killing its thousands
daily and perhaps causing tears to flow from
the eyes of many mothers and sisters and
wives and lovers, on account of the loved ones
lost in this most cruel of all wars waged
by an unrelenting foe for the purpose of
conquest and empire.

I will say but little on this subject,
but God grant that there may be a peace
soon so that both friend and foe may go
home and enjoy themselves in peace and fel-
lity. But if the Fed^s will have war they
can have it to the bloody end for we are
determined to fight them until all our
means are exhausted and every man killed
before we will submit to their tyrannical
rule. I will now have to close. Send this
to Dean as soon as you get it.

A new new-year's gift to all and to all a short
farewell

Samy,