

Birkeill Stations

Wa Apatke 20<sup>th</sup> - 165

Dear Brother & Sister

with much Pleasure

I seat myself in ans to yours of  
the 9<sup>th</sup> which I received last night  
was glad to hear from you and  
that you was well. I am well as  
could be expected under the  
Present Circumstances we have  
had a Hard march we left the  
Point the 10<sup>th</sup> since that I have  
lost 20 or 25 lbs of flesh

we are encamp  
ed in the woods near the Station  
we are fixing up the Camp  
ground and Drilling some. The  
Boys are all well that you know  
yesterday we did not do any  
thing we had a day of rest on  
the account of the Death of our  
President the most of the Regt  
Lament his loss some think it

all for the best But there is some  
that ~~has~~ always has been oppos  
ed to him and the administration  
but I dont think we can get a  
man that will fill his Place  
as well as he did. it is the greatest  
outrage that ever I heard of Booth  
is the assassinater you have  
Perhaps read the Particulars  
before this.

Bill you wrote  
that you had bought an  
other farm. is it a good  
time to buy Land now  
you said you wanted some  
help in Haying and Harvesting  
I should like very much to  
work on a farm this summer  
but that depends on whether  
Winkle says gets throug with  
me or not Some think we  
will have to stay over time  
out

other think we will go Home  
within 6 weeks but I dont Pretend  
to know any thing about it at  
least a Soldier is not supposed  
to know any thing when  
they say go I am ready to go  
or if I am needed here I am there  
man

Bill I have not got  
the box you sent me yet but  
hope to get it soon I got a letter  
Add yesterday they were all well &  
was glad to hear from her as it is  
the first time since she left  
Home

Bill according to all  
accounts that ~~is~~ will get the  
war is over and if so we wont  
be needed unless it is ~~to~~ to  
gather up the tools that is  
scattered about the Country  
Some think this is what we will  
do

but I see that Grant is in  
favor of lessening the expenses  
of the Government by dispos-  
ing of a Part of the army that  
is not needed. I must close  
for want of time yours in  
Hast from your affectionate  
Brother

G. R. Coules.