Barracks A, Company 36th Iowa Vols
Little Rock Arks Nov. 3rd 1864

Dear Friend

Yours of the 16th ult is Rec'd with Pleasure,
"I was very glad to hear from you & that you was well,
"This leaves me well at the Present & Hope
that when this Reaches you that it may find you well,
the Boys of Co A. are mostly well at this Time"
your Brother was well on yesterday," he was up to See us
he is Still on Detach Service in the City"
I am Sorrow to Inform you that Zellek H. Collins
of our Co. (and Brother to Wm. E Collins Post Master in
Albia) Died near in Regamental Hospital
on the 1st Inst, Disease Typhoid Fever, Friend Heavey
was a good Soldier & a Social Comrade and
we Regret his loss very much,
Well Han, I have No News of Interest to write to you
at this Time But I will write Something & will
Try & Do Better in the Future,
I had almost given up getting a letter from
You, and I think that we are getting very Careless
in writing to Each other So lets Do Better in the Future

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Friend Hank, you Stated in your letter of the 15th ult- that you Often looked over to My old Home & Thought of the many happy hours that your Self & F. with Two others had Enjoyed But one of our Group was now missing, "yes how True it is, and I often think of Past Times when I was at home & of the many Pleasant Moments that I have Enjoyed With my Friends & I often ask my Self is it True that Amanda is married" "But Oh it is True", and I cannot help it- and hence I will Try & Enjoy My Self as Best I can" Every Person is there own Guardian in that Respect & will have to Risk there Chances Amanda was at Liberty- to Do well or Do as She has Done and Now She will have to Do as Best- She Can"

"You Stated that Miss Samantha Gillaspy was agoing to get Married Soon" Please Tell me in your next letter The Lucky mans Name That has Married Miss Samantha" & also Please" Oh Please Tell me If My Hattie is married yet For I know That- She is Tired of Single life For this Time"

Well Hank I will tell you that we have just Eleven Months From to Morrow to Serve for Uncle Sam and If our health & lives is Spared We Ex-Spect to Visit- our Foiends after that Time & Enjoy the Many Pleasures of Friends & the Pleasure of Sweet- home

I Expect to Return to old Monroe County again If
I am Spared to live & have my health after my
Eleven Months is Served For Uncle Sam.
and I hope & think that the war will Be Over By that
time. I think that the Election or Reelection of
President Lincoln will Do much Toward the Closeing
of the war. "The Election is near at-hand and I
am glad to tell you that Co. a has No McClellen
Men Amongst our No. I think that Every man
that Belongs to Co. a will vote for old Abe without a
Doubt. But-I must-Close For it-is 8 oclock at-night
& the Drum is Beating for Roll Call & I must-go
Please Write-Soon & give all the News & Particulars &c
You will Please Excuse my long Letter &
Ill Composed Letter & Poorly write-Remarks
& I will Try & Do Better in the Future
Please write-Soon with
out-Delay
Verry Respectfully Yours
Newton Scott
Co. a, 36th Iowa

To Harm. M. Cone

Miss H. M. Cone
Albia
Monroe Co. Iowa

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