

A HUMOROUS EVENT HAPPENED A FEW DAYS AGO, IT SEEMS A NEARBY FARMER HAD LET OPEN HIS PIG PEN, NATURALLY THE SWINE WANDERED, WE SOLDIERS DO NOT GET THE MOST VARIED DIET SO ESPYING THESE WORTHIES A GROUP OF FIVE MEN MANFULLY TRIED TO OBTAIN THEM, ONE WAS PROCURED, THE NEXT NIGHT AS THE ANIMAL WAS TIED UP THE FARMER, WISHING HIS PROPERTY BACK SALLIED FORTH TO REGAIN IT, HAVING BEEN REBUFFED BY A SADLY HAPLESS LIEUTENANT WHO COULD NOT FIND THE CULPRITS NOR THE ANIMAL, IT HAVING BEEN SECRETED, HE RETURNED WITH HIS SHOTGUN, HE FOUND THE BEAST, SECURED IT AND WAS ON HIS WAY BACK WHEN A SENTRY, THINKING HE A DESERTER CALLED HIM AND OPENED FIRE, THE PIG BEGAN TO SQUEAL MOST LOUDLY AND THE FARMER RETURNED FIRE, THE ENTIRE CAMP WAS STOOD TO ARMS AND COME MORNING OUR SLEEP DEPRIVED MEN WERE GREETED BY A LONE MAN WITH AN EMPTY SHOTGUN AND A PIG TIED TO HIS BELT, ALL THE MAN SAID BEFORE GOING HOME WAS "MY PIG, THAT'LL TEACH YA" THE SERGEANT THEN PROMPTLY TRIED TO RECRUIT HIM SAYING "IF YOU CAN BUSHWACK A COMPANY OF A HUNDRED MEN THEN WHAT'LL YE DO AGAINST AN ARMY"

THE FARMER IS NOW A CORPORAL!

I THINK IT ONLY PROPER THAT YOU RESTRAIN YOUNG BILLY FROM JOINING THE ARMY, AND I AM STRONGLY IN YOUR CAMP AS HE IS NOT YET ADVANCED IN YEARS THOUGH HE WOULD PROBABLY BE RECRUITED AS A BANDSMEN, IF HE GIVES YOU TROUBLE FEEL AT LIBERTY TO READ HIM THIS AS HE WILL NO DOUBT BE OVERAWED BY NUMBERS.

I AM IN HALE SPIRITS AND HEALTHY AS A HORSE, HEALTHIER THAN I EVER HAVE BEEN AND UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES YOU HAVE NO NEED TO FEAR FOR ME.

I PRAY EACH NIGHT I PRAY THAT YOU WILL REMAIN SAFE AND HAPPY AND I DO SO NOW, KEEP SAFE AND IN GOOD CHEER, WHEN I HAVE FURTHER NEWS I WILL WRITE AGAIN.

I WILL ALWAYS REMAIN YOUR AFFECTIONATE SON.

JOSH D PROVAN

HAMMOCK GUARDS.



