I suppose you have seen some of the hardships of a soldier's life and formed your opinion accordingly. But if you could have seen us through our marchings and know we have worked it to make our beds to the opinion you have formed would be as chaff before the wind. But now we have got used to it and are tough. As for me I never have written nor received any complaint. I calculate when I made my bed to lie down in it. I calculated when I enlisted to see hard times and have to endure hardships and now I am going to see the elephant and not back until the rebellion is dead.