Head Quaters, 13th O.V.C.
Sept. 20th 1864

Dear
Del. I wrote you a few days ago but, believing that there is no danger of my writing to often or too much will try and write something in the shape of a letter to night. I can write better and faster after night than I can in the day time as I am less liable to interruptions. I recieved a letter from you to day dated or mailed at Wellington the 12th for which you will please except my most sincere thanks. I feel under great obligation to you for writing to me so often. I wish you knew with what pleasure they are recieved I think you would feel better paid than you do by the poor answers you recieve

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You wish to know what I was doing that I was so busy that I could not write. I cannot tell what I was doing at the time to which you refer unless it was before the muster rolls were finished, though I usually have enough to do to keep me out of mischief. In most cases commissioned officers have plenty of time in camp but it has not been the case with the officers of this Corps for a month past.

Wednesday Sept 21st

I had to stop last night as the Col. came in on me very unexpectedly. He looks a good deal better than he did when he left. He reports everything all right in Ohio and the prospect for the union ticket very good, of which we are very glad.

I have my commission as Major of the 13th O.V.C. dated Sept 2nd 1864 five recruit men enough to fill the Regiment which if accom-

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plished will give me a Lt. before long which will be getting a long very well for one who has seen no more service than I have. My orderly Sergt is promoted to 2nd Lt in Charlie Young and my first Lt B. F. Kling to Capt. Lt Cooper was overlooked some how, but will be promoted soon. Lieut Conaway was made a first Lt. I shall make application for leave of absence as soon as I think it can be granted, and I trust it will not be long, or at least very long till I shall see you all once more. I am quite anxious to see you but and doubt not you are full as anxious to see me as I am to see you. The only thing I dislike about coming home is that I would hardly get there till I would have to return as it is hard to get a leave of

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absence for a longer time than fifteen days but I will try and do the best I can. I some times feel as if I must come home any how, but am sorry to say that feeling have nothing to do with any opperations and I must wait my time. I hope your health will remain good. and that I will find you looking very Motherly when I come. I do not want to come till we are paid if that is soon as we expect it will be.

Give My love to Pa Mother and Annie and keep lots for yourself

your loveing husband

S R Clark

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