

Headquarters 13th O.v.c.
In the field Sept 1st 1864

Dear Del,

As I do not feel disposed to do anything in the way of business this evening I have concluded to spend it in trying to answer your kind loving letter of the 25th which I received yesterday. I am afraid I shall fail to write anything of interest as matters are very quiet here just now. You alwase (sic) charge me to write about my health as you say you fear I am or sometimes try to decieve (sic) you in reguard (sic) to it and that you ~~try~~ intend to pull my ears for it when I return. I should like very much to have them pulled by you tonight, I would not say a word against the operation but bear it like a true soldier. My health is very good now for this season of the year in the army. Better than it has been for some time past. There are but very few who are enjoying very good health or what would be called good health at home. Probably not more than ten out of every hundred men. More than half of our officers are in the hospital, and the most of those left are very poor, and dress coats that fitted at the commencement of the campaign are two or three sizes to (sic) large round. I am now wearing the little jacket I had in the six months service and it is just the fit. When we left Columbus it would not begin to button on me. The warmest of the season is now past and we will soon look better, and feel better than we have for three months past. Yesterday I mustered the rgt for pay and I now have all the roll to examine which will take me all day tomorrow if I get through then I will think myself well off. Well Dear I got this much written last evening and would have finished it had I not been stopt by visitors but will do the best I can this time and write soon again. Yours of the 27th came this morning. I was glad to recieve (sic) it but sorry to hear Hen was turning out so badly. I would settle him in a hurry if I were at home. And if he shows no signs of doing better, tell Pa to ship him at once. Just tell him to "git." I never had any trouble with him nor would not have now if I were at

home. I have not time to write more now as I have a large days work before me.

Give my love to all at home and keep lots for yourself.

Affectionately
Your husband
S.R. Clark