

Hd. Drs. 13th v. 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 also use charge
me to write about
my health as you say
you fear I am or

Sometimes try to convince
you in regard to it -
and that you intend
to pull my ears for it -
when I return. I should
like very much to have
them pulled by you to-
night; 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 hospitals and
the most of those left
are very poor and
drop coats that fitted
at the commencement
of the campaign are
two or three sizes to
large now. 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 regt 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 my self
well off. Still I can I
got this much written
last evening and would
have finished it had
I not been stoppt 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 receive 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
Pay 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