

Head Quarters 13th. V. V. C
Near Petersburg
Sept 11th 1864

Dear Del

I received a letter from you and one from Mother by two days mail. for which I am very thankful as I also feel much better when I get good letters from the "home once at home". This is Thanksgiving day for which the soldiers of this army are thankful as if it is the first days rest they have had for three weeks. You say that you have not heard from me for two weeks from which I infer that one of my letters must have gone astray.

as I certainly have not
allowed two weeks to pass
without writing to you though
I know I have written to
no one else in that time

I wrote you a kind of
a letter yesterday which if
put with this one will make
one in size if not in matter
We are waiting anxiously
to hear what Col. Hixon
will accomplish towards
getting us out of this flat
foot Infantry arrangement
He would like to be
sent west if possible
and if that can not
be accomplished, mounted
here. I will probably know
what the prospects are in
a few days. I am a fine
Pa is working to hard for

his strength and will soon
wave clear out. He must
not allow the work to
tumble him so much and
what cant be done without
his doing it - just let it go
some where, for his health
is of more importance
to all of us than the finish-
ing operations

The mail boy
is going around gathering
the mail and will be here
soon so that if this important
document goes I must close
Much love to you and
all the rest

Your husband
Steve

P.S. I almost forgot your ^{to pull my ears} warning
My health is very good and
I am fully able for my duties

Doubt have this printer