Headquarters, 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 (sic) often or two (sic) much will try and write something in the shape of a letter tonight. I can write better and faster after night than I can in the day time as I am less liable to interuptions (sic). I recieved (sic) a letter from you today dated or mailed at Wellington the 12th for which you will please except (sic) 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 (sic). I think you would feel better paid than you do by the poor answers you recieve (sic). 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 usally (sic) 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. We expect men enough to fill the Regiment which if accomplished will give me a Lt. Colency (sic) before long which will be getting a long very well for one who has seen no more service than I have. My orderly Srgt. is promoted to 2nd Lt, (Charlie Young) and my first Lt. B.F. Kling to Capt. Lt. Cooper was overlooked somehow, but will be promoted soon. Lieut. Connway was made a first Lt. I shall make application for leave of abscence (sic) 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 pet 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 abscence (sic) for a longer time than fifteen days but I will try and do the best I can. I sometimes feel as if I must come home anyhow, but am sorry to say that feelings have nothing to do with army opperations (sic) and I must wait my time. I hope your health will ~~remain~~ 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 loving husband,
S.R. Clark