

The U. S. Christian Commission
sends this as the soldier's messenger to his home
Let it hasten to those who wait for tidings

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Near Petersburg July 9th 1864

Dear Del.

Your very kind letter of the 4th came last evening. It was as your letters always are very welcome. I was sorry to find you spent the 4th in so much seclusion. I am afraid you allow my absence to worry you too much. Not that I would for the world have you think less of me but you should take a more hopeful view of the case. I am truly sorry that my not writing oftener has given you so much trouble and given your friends cause of complaint. This so far as I can shall be remedied

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in the future. I think that if some of those who complain had went through as much as I have in the last four weeks they would not have had enough of sole and body left together to write when they got through. I know that I am cranky about wanting and always wants, but do not think that I am to complain in this particular case, for as much we can carry no baggage and consequently no papers I kept on such marches as ours have been has all he can do without it. A company is in many respects just like a large family and the Capt. should see that they are properly cared for, and where

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men are continually giving out the cares and attentions required are not a few.

I am aware that Mary thinks I do not write as often as I should for she has written to remind me about it several times. The other night he brought me one of her letters, and said I must write to you. I took it as an insult which he soon saw. And gave me to understand that he inferred from what Mary said that it was but seldom if ever I wrote to you.

I brought out your letters and very soon commenced the young but that the case was not so bad as it might be I think it will be some time before he troubles him

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self about it again. May
may think I should write
oftener than he does. But
I do not, for any second
Lt. has more time by half
than a lieut. even if he does
his part. Lt. Jewell & Lemmon may
belong to Lev. F. which is without
a capt. And I am afraid
that if they do not manage
better the promotions
will be made from some
other Regt. This is all the paper
I have dear, so I must make it
do this time but will write again
soon. I send you all the love
I have for I care not what
others say I have none for
any one before you, and trust
you will believe me. I do
nothing but what I think will
make us more happy in the future
Write as often as you can be
feel able Your loving husband
Rees