

HeadQrs. 13th o.v.c.
Cavalry Depot near City Point, Va.
December 20th 1864

Dear Father,

I am afraid you will think I am not keeping my promise very well of writing once a week.

Since my return I have very busy (sic) tending to my duties connected with the regiment. My reception by both (sic) officers and men was very flattering. I found my new Major (Russel) had completely played out, and I think will have to leave the service. Last week I recieved (sic) an order from army headquarters transferring my regiment to the second division cavalry corps and an order from Gen. Gregg ordering me here to be mounted. We have recieved (sic) all our equipment except arms. The arms drawn for us were issued to the first Div. the day before I came here and we will now have to wait till others come from Washington. I have five hundred men mounted. I had them out on drill this morning they made a fine appearance and I think I have a ~~right~~ right to be proud of my regiment. We are to armed with Sharps Carbines, Colts Army Pistol, and the light cavalry Saber which should make us a terror to our enemies.

Our Surgeon Major came a few days before I returned. I like him very much and think he will prove quite an advantage to the medical department of the regiment. Col. Hixon is not yet reinstated nor do I know wether (sic) he will be. If he is his friends in the regiment will advise him to resign at once as they think he is not qualified for the position. The wether (sic) has been very fine since my return more like fall than winter. There is some indications (sic) of a move on the left of our line by our forces but they will not have us in for it this time. The news from all quarters is very good and we hope that by spring the most of the fighting will be over and we can all go home, but if

it should not be we can stand it as long as the rebs can, and want them to be perfectly satisfied before they stop. I hope you get a long with the work without exposing yourself to (sic) much. I have more fears of your overdoing than anything else. You must try and get a long as easy as possible (sic) till I can come home to work for you. My health is very good better than it has been for several months. I have had three letters from Del since my return she is well as usual. (sic) I could not find a duplicate copy of my muster out roll in Washington but can obtain it here and will get my pay as soon as I can find a paymaster who has money. As soon as I get paid I will send you money enough to pay all our debts and help live. I was sorry I could not get it while at home but it will be good when it dose (sic) come. I was glad to get your letter it done me a great deal of good and you must write as often as you can find time and feel able.

My love to all
Your affectionate Son
S.R. Clark