

HeadQrs. 13th o.v.c.
Near Petersburg
Sept 11th 1864

Dear Del,

I recieved (sic) a letter from you and one from Mother by two days mail for which I am very thankful as I alwase (sic) feel much better when I get good letters from the "loved ones at home." This is Thanksgiving day for which the soldiers of this army are thankful as 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. We would like to be sent west if possiable (sic) and if that can not be accomplished, mounted here. I will probably know what the prospects are in a few days. I am afraid Pa is working to (sic) hard for his strength and will soon wear clean out. He must not allow the work to trouble him so much and what cant be done without his doing it just let it go undone for his health is of more importance to all of us than the farming operations. (sic)

The mail bag is going round 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 warning, I.E. to pull my ears. My health is very good and I am fully able for my rations.