

Fort Lyon Oct. 6th/62

Dear Parents,

I am well as common & enjoying myself well. I started from Staten Island last Tuesday got here Thursday noon had to ride in a stock carr from Baltimore to Washington. There were a good many troops there wating for transportation among them were the 154 N.Y.S.V. I had a good visit with the boys from our place. Uncle James was there he said that you had not recived that \$45 that I sent you. If you have not let me know.

Coming over we had a good breakfast in Philadelphia & another meal in Baltimore & breakfast in Washington the Contry from phila. into Maryland is nice, but the rest of the way it looks hard. Philadelphia & Chester are as clean & good looking places as I ever saw I should think that Pa. Delaware are productive States at least I would not mind having some of the farms that I saw. How much did Dr. Thomson think of giving for that horse of mine I wish he had taken her. How much does butter fetch at present & what are the prospects for the fall. I hope that it will fetch a good price. Last Friday I went out on picket duty some 4 or 5 miles from here I guess. Had a good time there. It was in sight of mount vernon. Mason (the one of the trent cargo) has a farm & house there it is quite a house for the South. There are not any houses here hardly. They build their houses back from the road as a general thing. They have by paths back to them. There are a good many men camped around here Some of the boys think that we will stay here this winter & guard the Capitol, but there is no telling what we will do. The 9th Cavalry reg. Is some 9 or 10 miles from here. I would like to go out there. Some of the boys come out here once in a while. I have been out on fatigue duty today at ft. worth worked on the breastworks around the fort. Uncle Sam has a good many horses here. It takes a good lot to keep them. This reg. Will have to go out on picket day after tomorrow we have to stay there 24 hours Norman W. _____ is a writing to a friend he is well. The boys enjoy good health as general thing. Todays Paper says that Bragg's force is in a trap that he can not get out of very well. He probably will be captured soon. I want you to send me some Postage Stamps I have got out of them, get good ones. Tell Leslie to write to me & I will answer it. Is grandmother come out there yet. Capt. Abell has broken his leg. Write soon have Ella write again from your son

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