

When this "Crucial War" is over it will make
a difference in the feelings of some People
Perhaps. I dont hate Willoughby let your
read that letter she sent in yours? if
she did not I wish you could see it what
a odd thing she is I have to laugh every time
I think of her. Will Sallie I cant write mu-
ch more untill I lay down & take a rest
my head is aching like split We are expect-
ing orders every hour to move our
Wagons are all ordered to Contraville
(so the report is) if that is true it
looks "like" as though we should get
orders pretty soon to Skidaddle back
for Washington. I hope we are not
going to have an other Papi Skid-
addle. I think if we have to fall back
it will be a "Speed" - Skidaddle. But I dont
want to see either. you wanted to know
in your other letter if I was a M^o man
I am not as much of a M^o as I used
to be. you remember I was a strong
one when I was at home but now
I have got most over that name. Add

Camp of the 74th

near the Rapidan River Va.

Sept. 27th 1863

My Dearest Sarah

I recd. your letter last night
but I was so sick that I could not read
but a little of it untill this morning
I have got a terrible head cold & have
had the head ache for two days so that I
have not done any duty at all I am excused
from duty to day. So I have a plenty of time
to write to you although my head aches
pretty bad & dont feel much as though
I could write. I expect I shall make more
than a hundred mistakes & blunders. But
you must ever look them for really I
feel as though I had got a Pimpkin on my

should be in the stead of a head. "perhaps
you will say I have to say I was glad
to get your letter would not half express the
feelings I had in once more hearing from
my dear Sabin. I wonder if Sabin is ever as glad to
get a letter from me as I am to get one from
her. if you are I don't wonder that you want
me to answer yours soon. did you think that
I had got out of Patience with you because I
did not answer your letter sooner? that was not
the reason. Dearest, I answered it as soon as I
could conveniently, I did not think of being
out of patience with you nor did I think
your letter was a bit silly (as you call it)
When you write I want you to write ^{just}
as you think & feel. & I will do the same
Do you really wish it was me that was coming
home instead of Nelson? don't you wish that
he could come home. & me too? would
that not be a better wish? I am glad
that Nelson can have the privilege of

going home to see his Friends once more
But the idea that Orville has got I could
not fancy very well. & I think too that
Sabin would not fancy such an idea
very much either. But there is some that it
would please greatly "for instance" Orville
& Hester & Mr Rusts People too
But your folks Sarah will come around all
right in due time you need not be alar-
med about them. I believe what Agg
said is true. & they will believe it after
a little if they don't now. of course they
would not do as say any thing but what
they thought it would be for your benefit
but after all folks can not all ways tell
what is for the best. I have no hard
feelings to wards your folks in the least
I always thought a good deal of your folks
& shall unless of something of more impor-
tance transpire than thus present feelings
to wards me. after all I don't think they hate
me

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Monday Morning

My own Sister

I will try and finish this letter this morning. We had to pack up & move yesterday as I would have finished it yesterday. We did not skedaddle either as the report was that we was a going to. We moved down near the River. I should not wonder if we moved again to day I dont know whether they intend to cross the river or not what we cant go much further this way without crossing. Sarah I cant write but a little to day for I am so sick my head aches terribly to day & I feel awful weak my hand trembles so I dont believe you can read this. I was not able to walk yesterday & carry my knapsack

so I rode down here in a Ambulance
if we have to march to day I dont
think I shall walk for I dont feel well
by a lile to. if we had not marched
yesterday I would have finished this
& wrote you as good a ltr as I could but
to day I cant write as I cant
think of what I want to write
so you must excuse me until I
get better. I just recd a ltr from
Mary Kay this morning

Well my Dear. I shall have to close
please dont think this out short
for I think here is as much if not
more than you can read or feel
write to me soon with your Dear for
you dont know how glad I am to get
a letter from Sadie

I am yours ems true & loving old

Sadie