

Camp near Brooks station Feb 11 1863

Dear Parents

yesterday I had the good fortune to get a letter from you and one from Ella & Katie and also a paper and you can imagine the comfort I took in reading them those Boots I hardly know how to do with them I suppose that the Box should be directed just like a letter they would probably get as far as Washington or Alexandria and if we did not happen to go near there But I learn that at least a part of Sigels troops are being shipped farther south and perhaps we may have to move nearer Washington we have moved as you will see by the date of my letter and we have built another log house about 22 + 9 feet and 2 fire places and a real comfortable house it is for a day or two I have felt a little under the weather but this morning I feel much better it is true I had my name handed to go back to the ranks it was shown me when I was talking with Ed Wheeler but I have not gone back yet and dont mean to as long as I can help it for once since I crossed the Potomac Pay Day has really overtaken us but our pay was small as those who got \$13 in advance only got one month pay with the odd days up to the first of Nov Enclosed you will find my check of Twelve Dollars I am very glad to hear of the feeeling in regard to the Salvation of immortal souls and the interest that is taken in it God grant it may spread from one end of the earth to the other I try to make the bible my teacher and I find real consolation in reading it our officers those of Co E are just as good as our boys want to serve under our Qr M his name is Allen the Rebels stuck up signs as you have heard I would like it if you could get some apples to me but it would cost more than they are worth if you should see fit to send a Box L B might give you directions I would like to have you put in some more paper and Envelopes some red & black peppers The weather here is quite mild and the way the woods went down where we are was not slow some of the country is very beautiful

since we came to our present camp we have had soft bread dealt out to us but it is not like that that mother makes as there is no news of importance I find it difficult to write any thing interesting my stockings are good yet those boots I do not care about having them so long legged I wear them off on the outside of the heels and on the inside of the foot and under the big toe the right heel runs over the worst

Give my Best respects to all enquiring Friends and I shall ever remain yours &c

Charley

NB excuse all Blunders
love to all
the Boys appear to be doing finely