

Headquarters Paroled Prisoners
Camp Convalescent Va July 22/63

My Dear Parents

I am happy of another opportunity of addressing you even in this humble manner though I would much rather speak with you face to face and talk over the sights I have seen it is very curious that I cannot get any letters. I suppose you write certain once a week regular though I have not recieved one since some time before the 4th of the month I think it is very strange that I do not get a letter from some quarter

I am well and have to work quite steady To day I have written pretty much all day and my right arm is pretty tired We are making out Pay Muster Rolls and it requires a good deal of writing Otherwise I am well and enjoying myself first rate Blackberries are quite abundant and they are I find as usual excellent eating The day has been quite warm and very pleasant. I should like to hear from you and know how you all prosper and all about how the Draft is expected to work in Westfield please write to me and let me know how things look and how the folks generally feel about being Drafted. as you have heretofore put the Regt. & Co. on the letters please leave that off and direct one or two letters simply to Camp Convalescent Near Alexandria Va (via) Washington DC it would do me lots of good just now This afternoon they had a Review Both of PPs & Convalescents the latter were armed and the former went out to be looked at the other day the 27 Connecticut Vols were Discharged their time being out before they went I became acquainted with some very fine men I was very glad to see them them go but I should like to have went with them but now not I feel very much encouraged about the affairs of our country at the present time and look forward with high hopes of at least by the blessing of God to see the end of the war soon keep up good courage I have confidence in the brave hearts and strong arms that have so willingly and so faithfully stood in defence of the Government please excuse this Poor scribbling and give my love to Ella and Her Parents and Brothers and to all who enquire after my welfare

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