

Camp 154th N Y S Vols
Near Lookout mount Tenn
Sabbath morn Nov 22d 1863

Dear Parents

I have at last arrived at the end of my journey (vis) the Regt. I got here last night I am quite well and find the boys quite so too I find Lookout mountain to be another great heap of dirt and rocks with Rebs on it (to protect it I suppose from insult the Yanks would be likely to give it I found about a doz letters in the regt waiting for me and were made happier by finding out that you are all getting along so well I had to foot it from Bridgeport (via) the R.R. and could have counted the ties of the tracks easy enough The weather is quite warm and will be bright as soon as the sun can get into the valley where we lay Capt Fay was taken at the Battle of Gettysburgh also the two Lieuts (Jenkins & McDade) Tell Ella I found a letter from her which I will ans as soon as I can please give my respects to J. F. Shaw and tell him I shall as soon as I can acknowledge the Receipt of a letter from him I found one from Cousin Sophie too----

I earnestly hope that the Lord will not remember us according to our sins but will hearken to the prayers that are offered & may he be pleased to give us victory over our enemies and not let us be put to flight or shame Defeat here would be terrible beyond Description should the Rebs follow it up but I know the Lord watches over his children to give them shelter from storms and those that trust in him shall be delivered such precious promises it is a comfort for me to think of them and then look beyond this vale of tears and with what a halo of Glory will we be crowned when we hear the much loved voice saying come ye blessed of my father inherit the mansions prepared for you from the foundation of the world That is more to be desired by me than Gold yea saith the scripture than much fine Gold

I cannot tell you much about the country save that for a few rods on either side of the track there was a level or nearly so strip of country and the rest we could see was mountains & sky. I will tell you more about the way we are situated some other time but suffice it to say if the Johnnies see fit to attack us in our present position they will in all probability have a sorry time of it please remember me as being in a muddy District for the next two months and also as your affectionate son

Charley

Please Direct to the company and Regt 11 Corps & Department of the
Cumberland

P.S. Delos Peck is here all right and as fat as a cub
Love to all and fondest affections ever inclining towards Dearest home
Best Love Charley