

Lookout Valley near Chatta
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My Dear Friends

With pleasure I take my pen this quiet sabbath morn to write a few lines. Without is sun shine and quiet within is peaceful & calm. I am well and hope you still enjoy good health. That Ex Box is now in my possession and I fully appreciate it nothing was injured but the can of catsup that got open and almost all run out but did no damage other than to hurt part of the cakes & crackers. Please give my best thanks to the donors of such gifts and tell them I enjoy them

Yesterday I attended church at the CC which was a preparatory meeting for the Sacrament of the Lords supper which will be commemorated at one & one half oclock today & if permitted to partake I hope to be fully prepared the place of the text I have forgotten but the words were: "Think you he will not come up unto the Feast"? It was a solemn time, and very impressive to me. --may he come & own & Bless us--

The money I expressed was most of 6 months pay \$60 for you, and \$30 for Mrs. R. Chambers, Mother of Wm. Chambers of Co. E.

Things are all quiet with us but the Army general are on the move, and have seeing success so far. The Lord truly does favor us, and I hope the good seed sown by the C.C. will not be long in bringing forth abundance for the honor & Glory of God. such is my earnest desire and Prayer and may the Lord increase my faith that I may be enabled to ask that he may be pleased to answer. I have often seen plainly the path that the Lord would have me walk in and as often seen the workings of his Providence in opening my way, and so simple were they that the wayfaring man though a fool, need not have erred therein-- I pray I may while I live have continued increase in hungering & thirsting after Righteousness, that it may please my kind, Beneficient, heavenly father, & fill me with his heavenly love I take courage as I progress, and long for deeper knowledge of the love of God. This morning is bright to me, but tomorrow, I may have dark hours, for all I know now, But though afflictions assail and storms beat severely There's a light in the window, for thee & me.

The Rgt. still are in good health and Perry W. is improving John Wilson is in good health so is James Quilliam I have just returned from hearing a sermon, preached by one of the Delegates of the C.C. The burden of his remarks were "Without me you can do nothing" and a good sermon it was too.

Our Camp is nicely trimmed with Cedars & Pines set out as they were last winter only a great deal nicer. Co. E they say has the nicest street in the Brigade. We have two rows of splendid Cedars on each side of the street & two tall ones at the head of the street with the tops bent over and tied together to form an arch and hung in the center is a large evergreen E

I have just returned from Church held at the Commission Head Quarters where by the blessing of "Our Father" I have had a good time We were honored with the presence of Maj Genl Howard and some of his staff

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Please give my sincere thanks to Cousin Dewitt & tell him the frying pan is just the thing required. Every thing was so nice I not only thank my friends but I thank God for giving me such friends.

Please remember me in Love to all of Uncles family.

Believe me ever most truly and Affectionately

Your Son Charlie

Please send me some more paper and Envelopes. Dont think me too extravagant for it is cheaper to get it from home and it is one of the greatest enjoyments I have writing to my friends