

Lookout Valley Tenn  
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Dear Sister

As I am feeling lonesome this morning I thought I would write you a few lines hoping they will find you all well. I am feeling quite well and when I have done my morning work I sometimes get lonesome and then I take to writing quite handily

I recieved a letter from Katie a short time ago and she said that Kenton had been very sickly during the month of March and Springfield had been invested with Smallpox Malignant scarlet fever and other Diseases

The weather here for a few days has been quite warm and considerable rain has fallen at times and it rained last night

Please tell father to send me Some more pens as I am using what the shoemaker threw at his wife (the last) and please have my letters directed to the Co & Regt and not at Hd Qrs till you hear from me to direct Head Quarters as they are turning and overturning and consolidating. Our Corps & the 12 AC are to be together I hear known as the 1st AC and what other changes there are to be made I will try and make known when I know them

Please give my respects to Miss Alma if she is in Wf'd

All is quiet here as regards war news but I think grant will be ready for them about the 1st of May and then in all probability the whole army will move I almost forgot to say that Genl Hooker will command the Corps when matters are arranged

Well I hope the Lord will give us the victory every time and let the war close before July 4 but I had not ought to set the time for the Almighty but he knows best and will do things that will make men wonder but I hope for a speedy close of this war and long to see the faces of those I love.

There are a good many changes being made in the army and I have about made up my mind that there would not be over one more call for troops and maybe not that should our troops be successful this spring

Please give my love to all and I remain as ever

Your Affectionate Brother  
Charley

write as soon as convenient