

Convalescent Camp June 15 1863

My Dear Parents

I would very much like to know how you all are this Beautiful morning it really a splendid morning here and indicates a very warm day I would like very much to come in onto you unawares and be Just in time to share in a slice of Beef steak and Potatoes I would like to Just to operate in that Strawberry bed for about half an hour I do believe I could eat that length of time one day last week I came on detail to work and it so happened that I got into a squad to go outside the guards and dig sods well I went and I saw how vegetation gets along the Peaches are almost half grown and the Apples are quite sizeable and I managed to get away from the wagons and I found quite a lot of strawberries cherries are getting ripe too and it is rather hard for us to be tied down with hardly a chance to get any of these things You may be assured that money that you sent is in place for though Milk is 10c a quart I try and avarage 1 qt a day and sometimes more and then I hope to get some money from the Government soon as I am most run out but it is tough to live as we do yesterday I could not get any milk and if it had not been for that excellent Butter mother sent me I should have been fairly Bluffed off to immagine a way that I could get down my Dinner

I got into the dining room and sat by the plate that was for me what do you think what do you immagine they had got up for our dinner well there sat facing us as it were a slice of dry bread and a small chunk of pork and a cup of water what do you think of it now dont you think they are trying to get our good will and Encourage us "I wrote that last Just about the way I feel" I am feeling better that I did for a while and think I am gaining slowly I hope to be nearer you some day and then I can let you know how things are getting carried on I recd your kind letter of the 7th in due time and was very glad to hear from you that concert was of course a good one for I love music but I am inclined to criticise pretty strongly it is one thing to sing rally Round the Flag and another thing to do it I have found that out by experience I am glad to hear that father has work on hand I would like to come and get the garden started it was a close call for Westfield I tell you that Fire and the Merchants will come to a realization of the way fire rules when it has its sway one of these times please excuse my hast for I have a fit of dont-care-a-tiveness on this morning in fact I am getting reckless

give my love to Ella and the rest of you know who

Yours ever truly & Dutifully
Charley
write again soon