

Lookout Valley Tenn  
March 21st 64

Dear father, Mother, Brothers & Sisters

I have been writing a letter to Ella and while I have my hand in I thought I would pen a few lines to you "the loved at home" How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood! and I hope I may soon visit them in peace and quiet

My desire is that my beloved Country may have rest and be rescued from the hands of Rebellion

The weather has been cool to day but is moderating now What kind of weather are you having in Westfield now

Mules are coming in thick Last week we rec'd 500 or 600 and expect some 400 more Teamsters are having time breaking Raw mules to the harness I am well and laugh considerable. I suppose you know what the consequences is so I wont take up the paper to tell you

If successful myself I shall soon be able to entertain visitors and give them a ride in one of Uncle Sams carriages (army wagons) when they come to visit me

I recieved the letter that told me the glad tidings that my money was all right also a couple of packages of material to write good news on and send to friends the envelopes already to be directed and be sent on their errand of mercy to carry messages of love and tenderness to whom soever they may be addressed

All is quiet in front but I think we will move somewhere soon but I may be deceived Please give my congratulations to Frank and give him all the aid necessary for to promote the growth of his Moustache and whiskers May he be successful and raise enough to show two rods Mine show farther that that now but I have not shaved my chin since I left Va. and my Moustache has been growing about 4 weeks or so

If Frank was here to day I could get him a chance to yea-yea- A six mule team and wouldn't he make a pretty bird astride of one of the wheelers with the jerk line in his left hand hollering yea-yea- whoa- come around then to his team with the mud knee deep and considerable of a wet appearance would he present if it was raining as I have had it rain on me before now That is what soldiering is in one light and there is another and a very different way for a man to soldier it but I wont try to tell it now but I should know better what to do if I were to enlist ever again I should be a mason not by trade but by initiation I know of a man who belongs to the 154 that is in Richmond and he fares better for being one than those do who do not have the honor to belong to that society

But I must close give my love to all and believe me Your Affectionate son & Brother

Charley

Please tell frank to write and give me a Description of himself and Personal appearance as he appears in the glass