

Atlanta Nov 3, 1864

Dear Parents

Your truly kind letters of Oct 10 & 17 arrived safe to day and as I cannot tell when I may have another chance to write again I answer so soon

I suppose that day after tomorrow we start on another 50 days campaign That it will be an eventful one in the History of this Rebellion you probably are well aware but the kind hand of an overruling Providence will be our support and director & by the Blessing of Him I hope to come out of this campaign all right and pray it may be the completion of the days & years of this Rebellion Night before last the wind commenced blowing and ere morn the rain was falling fast and it has been damp & misty ever since & part of the time rain

There is some division in Political feeling but I think the Majority is for Old Abe & Andy Of McClellan I will merely give my good for nothing opinion Once I thought him an honest man but now I think Honesty, Patriotism Self-respect and whatever else constitutes true manhood with him have found a grave That illustration of Franks about the sheep sets on him like a straight jacket But G Noble I suppose spoke almost word for word what he said in 1860 at any rate what Noble says Abe would do with McClellan should he try to dictate him is the story of Roger A Pryor revised

I have tried to write as often as once a week or once in 10 days so as you would keep posted with regard to me. I am sorry if you have not recieved them but hope you feel assured that I am doing well

I see rather doleful stories have been circulated with regard to our suffering here even when we were on half rations I always had enough to eat & that that was good too and when they said we were the worst we were probably getting our light bread fresh from the ovens all that we wanted

to be sure our fare has at times been coarse but that does not make out it was bad by any means and as for clothing--only yesterday I drew an Overcoat Pants Blouse Boots & Drawers and as that was all I wanted surely it was enough One Union One Constitution is all that it seems possible to have on this Continent and that united with all the people working for one Common Destiny what nation on earth can molest us with a hope of making capital So much politics run through my head I often wander from a subject I wish to write about Please excuse

Stella ought to have written more such news I was some surprised to hear so much of it at one time nevertheless I wish them Success long life & much happiness

We probably will make in the Direction of Augusta Macon or some other big town. I will try and keep you often advised as to my whereabouts We expect Forage to be plenty & should we be obliged to subsist our selves on the country Corn Bread would be in some demand wouldn't it

I enjoy some of the smiles a kind Heavenly Father and try and do my duty so well here as to win the confidence of the Officers here We have quite a

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number of good Horses in the Correll now but we are fitting out the Artillery & Ambulance Corps as fast as we can probably will start day after tomorrow Rember us at a throne of grace that the expedition may meet the approval of God and he will give us abundant success

I went up to Genl Slocum's Hd Qrs to night to mark a box for him he makes me think of Gov Patterson tho he does not resemble him much he is a jovial good natured man and his staff all that I saw were splendid looking Officers I do not know as I can write more so good night & much Love to all

from Charlie