

Washington D.C.
Camp Seward Oct 3

Dear Wife

I got my other letter mixed some Tuesday one P.M. left Elmira went through gulfs with high hills on eather side a verry hard country until we got near Williamsport Pa. there was some nice country there we arrived there 6 P.M. the ladys fetch cake & pie to us gratis we stoped one hour. I laid down on the carr flore with overcoat on and slep until daylight. one hours ride brout us to York Pa. 59 miles from Baltimore York is a nice place and a nice country there 27 miles from state line we went through a tunnel near the state line. from there to Baltimore we pased mansions of diferant style butifuly located some of them on slave plantations arrived Baltimore 11 A.M. (Oct 1) forty milds from Washington after writing to you we stod around until night did not no as we should leave our co went acrost to the Depot to have a rest I got on some bales of hay the Boys said we must not get on the hay I said I was on would stay until ordered off soon our two Lieut got up side of me and laid down I laid there in the brite moon light with my feet tords the moon some times looking at it other times with my eyes closed thinking of you all at home and wondering what you was adoing and went to sleep about 9 the Boys hollowed get reddy for the cars got aboard went down near Washington run in the next morning 7 oclock Oct 2 stayed on the North side of the city until near night then went through the city past the capitol down Pensylvany Aveneu crossed the Potomac just dark on Bridge one mild long went four milds on to Arlington Hights we hired teams to bring our napsack for one shilling we got here about 9 PM unpacked made our beds on the ground without tents and all slep until daylight there was a verry heavy due witch wet our blankets some the first thing I saw when I opened my eyes was capt Fay he had just rased up raped in a checquered blanket. John Wilson said God that is tuf for the captain but he stood it well so did all the rest of us the capitol is in site from our camp 5 milds East can see the Potomac and Vessels going up and down there is a Fort 1/3 mild South from us just acrost a gulf. There is fortifications al around us

It does not seem to me that I am as far from you as what I am. I must stop as I cannot send this to day

Stephen

1862
 Aug 22 Inlisted at Portland
 Sept 24 Rec 25 Dollars U.S. Bounty and two Dol inlistment
 Sept 25 Rec 50 Dol N.Y. State Bounty
 Sept 26 Rec 13 Dol one months pay
 Sept 29 Left Jamestown
 Sept 30 in Elmira rec our guns and equipage
 1862
 Oct 1 arrived in Baltimore
 " 2 " " Washington crossed the Potomac on the long Bridge at
 dusk camped on Arlington Hights
 Oct 12 left Arlington Hights
 " 13 arrived at Fairfax Courthouse
 " 29 moved our camp one mild
 Nov 2 Left Fairfax C.H.
 " 3 camp two milds West of Haymarket
 " 7 Left camp near Haymarket (snowed
 " 7 camped near New Baltimore
 " 9 went to Thurrowfair gap
 " 17 left Thurrowfair gap
 Nov 17 Arrived near Fairfax Courthouse
 Dec 5 Snowing
 Dec 6 Snow 2 intches deep

Dec 7 1862

Size of Likeness

My Dear Wife

I forgot to tell you about having your likeness taken to send to me have it taken while you are at Otto. I sent a letter to you Nov 28 Dec 1 and Dec 4. the one I sent Dec 4 I directed to your mother from what Alfred rote I thought perhaps you would go to Otto before the letter arrived so I directed it to her so they might read it. I mailed a letter to you this morning. the last letter I rec from you you rote one week today I suppose you will write to day I opened the can of Peaches today they were verry nice I thought I would eat them first for I could carry the dried fruit the easyest if we marched

I want you to keep this for I might loose my Diary I want to keep the movements of this Reg. &c I shal send you my Diary Jan 1, 1863 I want you to send me one like it send it so it will get here Jan 1. there is almanack in it &c. There is one thing I ment to have rote to you about before but I never could think of it when I was riteing to you. that is to take that old Day Book of Cy Burtons and make a Scrap Book of it and all of the news you can get from the papers &c concerning this regiment keep in it, and as mutch more as you like it will make a good Scrap Book

[December 7, 1862 continued]

Mon Dec 8 it is pleasant Sun Shines bright this morning it was cold last night and night before last it was a pleasant day yesterday it thawed but very little. I expect to go on Picket to day. we expected to be of Picket 3 days but was not but one Wilson is out now. Col Jones was to have the Reg drill 4 or 5 hours every Day but we are on Picket so much the Drill does not amount to much we have not Drilled any since last Thursday on act of the snow. I am on Picket as I expected I must get ready

Tuesday Eav Dec 9 I came in camp a little after noon ate my Dinner and went to Sleep sleep until Dark. we have got orders to march tomorrow do not know where. I do not feel much like riding Eav will send this in the morning.

Stephen R Green

[on stationery with a vignette bust of McClellan]

Dumfries Dec 13, 1862

I will begin where I stoped last night after we get our tent up the next thing is to make a fire and make a cup of coffee you may think it a hard job to do but we can do it verry quick. we have the best of coffee

Dec 11 we started 7 1/2 A.M. crossed the Occoquan River 9 A.M. on the bank of the river there was a Rebbel fort and a long earth work for infantry we went 11 or 12 milds and halted for the night Dec 12 started just as the sun rose. it froze nights and thawed dayes it was muddy stickey hard walking to day ie Dec 12 we did not go more than 9 milds. arived here about 2 P.M. orders to be ready to march on if ordered we ate our dinner waited until near sundown before we got orders to pitch tents we got no hay here made a flore of boards in our tents Dec 13 the 9 N.Y. cavelry came here 5 oclock this morning they are here near us now Lieut Wm. Mason and 2 or 3 other Portland Boys were in our camp this morning there was one of the 9 N.Y. cav Boys Shot acksadentaly this morning in the side near the hip bone with a revolver. there was some Rebel cavelry made a rayed here yesterday there was some Sutlers here they took what they had and left. some of our cavelry scouts came up to our Division and gave information witch created some excitement some of the things the Rebs could not carry was found in a house here. our Army is a takeing enough from them here to make it up the roads was so bad our teams could not carry a verry large supply of provision and we are getting short some of the men have ben out and got meat &c and some of them are out now I have not ben out I had enough for my Breakfast and have 2 Hardtacks and a piece of Pork left I gave Elias 6 Hardtack he got short I had Potatoes for Breakfast yesterday morning Charles Anderson gave them to me It has froze nights and thawed days it was muddy yesterday afternoon The snow is gone we stayed at Dumfries until 2 P.M. Dec 13. before we started got 3 Hardtack each all there was in the Division it was verry muddy most of the way through the woods we had to take it in the middle of the road the mud was as stif and as stickey as Putty we had to go slow and stop often we went about three milds stoped at Sundown. Dec 14. up at 5 A.M. ate what we had to eat most of the men had fresh meat but no Salt. some of them had Hardtacks and some had none. I had some meat two hardtack and Coffee. we started as soon as light to get us near Aquia Landing where we could get something to eat our teams did not come up to where we camped last night it froze none last night warm to day we crosed aquia creek about noon arrived here at Stafford Courthouse 2 P.M. it is about 4 milds to Aquia Landing we expect some supplies from there tonight I am not verry hungry but I should like something to eat to night it is now 4 P.M.

Camp near Fredricksburg
Friday P.M. Jan 9, 1863

Dear Wife

I should have written to you sooner but we have ben buissey all of the week fixing our tents &c to make our selves as comfortable as we could and yesterday I was detailed to work on the Surgeons quarters I rec a letter from Sam Jany 7. writen Jany 2 he said you was up to Uncle Johns I rote to Laura Jany 5. I suppose you heard from me by that letter you have not rote any thing about sending your likeness to me D. Taylor and some others in our company rec some things from home this week you rote about sending some thing to me if you should send any thing two or three lbs Butter five lbs Dried Apples and a little green Tea would be as exceptable as any thing and a pair Suspenders (good ones) if you should chose to send any other things that are light that I could carry easy if we should martch I should have no objections I donot write this becaus I expect you to send me any thing but so that you would not send me a lot of things that I do not nead I am in no hurry for the Suspenders the ones I have will last me two months Friday Eavn 8 oclock I just rec. yours of Jan 4 also one from Elisabeth I am verry glad to here that you are haveing a good visit and injoying your self. then you have not forgot the likeness. I rote to your mother this A.M. but was to late for the mail. I have not heard from them since you left my love and best wishes to all of my relatives. you say Lizzie is a good girl I am glad to hear it. Ever yours

Stephen

Jany 10, 1863

Dear Brother

I rec yours of Jan 2 on the 7 inst it arrived here the Eav of the sixth it was onley directed to the Reg it was supposed that it was for some one in co. B as it was mailed at Otto so they sent it over there. the taps & Book came all right rec them Jan 6. I rec a letter from Wife & Lib last eav. the Bristles were in it. you must be more careful about directing your letters to me direct to co. E. and not to capt Fay

S. R. Green

it is mail time

[January 27, 1863]

Father Peacock

I rote to you and mailed my letter Jany 17 we started on the march at noon that day went up the River where we were Jany 14 and 15 camped on the same ground it was cold and pleasent thawed none in the shade Jany 18 cold night froze all day 100 men went out chopping today from our Regiment Jany 19 the Reg went chopping the road for about three milds here was most of the way through the woods and narrow we chopped and cleared away on both sides Infantry could go on the sides and give the center of the road to the Artillery and wagons Jany 20 100 men from this Reg out chopping on the road again to day at noon we had orders to march went back the road we came three milds to where the Pontoon Bridge train was our Reg. and the 27 Pa. Reg was to go with the Bridge Train as gard there was about 40 wagons drawn by six horses each there was 24 Boats the rest of wagons had plank &c nessesary to construct the bridge it was nearly dark before we got under motion the Roads was ruff the teams went slow we had to stand still one half of the it commenced raining 7 in the Eavning and rained all night we on the move until about 11 oclock they could not move the wagons. we had orders to unsling knapsacks but be ready to start if we had orders lucky for us we stoped where there was a rail fence on both sides of the road but there was none there when we left in the morning we was not long making fires we had a hard night of it we was glad when morning came Jany 21 we started in the mud this morning went about 1 1/2 to where the Artillery lay camped in a pine woods stayed until the next day Jany 22 started down the River went within one mild of the old camp it was the muddiest walking I ever saw I never saw mud before you do not no anything about mud the Cattaraugus flats is nothing to the mud here we could not go in the road Jany 23 J. A. Hall Ovet Burr and others were to our camp to day there was a great many troops pased here this morning going back to camp Jany 25 our Reg came out Picketing today Capt Fay our second Lieut and 30 men from our company it is a warm day Jany 26 it was a warm night is warm day I sewed a tap on one of my Boots today and the wax did not fly I could not do it there the warmist winter day that is out doores as I did here it has not froze here since last Tuesday Jany 27 ret to camp this afternoon it has been raining a little to day

Sunday Mch 29 63

Dear Wife

I rec yours of Mch 23 last Eav I also rec yours of Mch 19 last week I sent letter to you Wednesday I rec the Knife it is a good one Elias was sick yesterday with a sour Stomic & Disentary he is better to day. I went down to the Div Hospital this A.M. tok letter to Chas. Anderson from his wife he was up to the camp (walked here) it is about 60 rods) last Friday he is gaining and will soon be well again. I saw D. Taylor he is about the same as when he went there he expects his discharge I think he will get it also that H. L. Skinner will get discharged. Capt Fay has been Sick 3 or 4 Days he is better. you asked if I saw Bambrick I do about every day some times Barber and him comes here 3 times in a day it is about forty rods to there quarters they are as ancious to come and see us when they have an oportunity as a twelve year old Boy would be to go home and see his parents you write about my sending you some money if you nead it I will as any time when you want any let me no and I will send you some perhaps I might want to use it so I thought I would keep it if you did not want it. do not get in debt. I. C. Harra wrot to Elias to have him ask me who he should pay for them Stone. if he has not got them not let him have them I refused to sell them several times last Summer they are on the place and I want to keep them there if you Father want to use them he can and I will warrent he will in less than one year. still if it is nessarry that you should have the pay for them sell them for I had rather you would sell any thing than to get in debt I sent Letter to cousin Laura yesterday I must write to Fathers today I have not wrote to them since a week ago last Friday. Lide you wrote to no what I want in case you should send any thing more to me or if there was any thing I wanted to write and let you no we do not expect to stay here mutch longer so I donot think it best for you to send me mutch if you should have a chance. for if we should move it would be a long time before I should get it I had rather you would save your money to get things that you nead for your self and Lizzie. you nead not send me any more Shoe thread I have more than I can use in Six months If you do get a chance you may send me three prs Boot taps & one pint of Pegs Monday morn It froze last night is pleasant this morning Elias is better I remain ever thoughtful of you

Stephen

Wednesday 9 AM
April 15, 1863

My Dear Wife

We are about 28 m west from Stafford and I think we are about 5 or 6 miles North East from Culpeper and East of South from Warrenton we arrived here yesterday about 5 P.M. it commenced Raining about 4 o'clock this morning Rained all of morning I think it will rain all day companys E & K (of our Reg) are guards for the train (Ammunition Provisions Wagons &c) the rest of the Reg are 1/4 mile from here there is an old log house here with a fire place in it the men made a fire in it this morn and it is now crowded full I am in the chamber writing this there is a poor ruff on it and it leaks and wets my paper some We left Stafford Monday about 10 A.M. went 12 miles to Hartwood church yesterday we came about 16 miles we had good marching (good roads) most of the way and pleasant weather midling warm I saw Lieut Mason yesterday he was returning we was on the march. I did not learn where he was a going I onley had time to shake hands and pass on it is raining yet probably we shal stay here all day I was _____ and fetched Rubber & woolen Blanket left over coat Blows &c in Knapsack. I always carry my Housewife in my Pocket on the march I was intending to tell you about my monney matters I did not have time in my last I sent you a letter April 13 when I left Jamestown I think I had 14.20

Jan 31 rec pay besides alotment 4.45
18.65

I now have 18.20
amt due me here 1.35
19.55
18.65
.90

So according to my reconing I have earned 90 cts more than I have paid out I cannot tell just how much I have earned cobling but I think about 10 or 11 Dollars Including what you sent in taps &c

Thursday April 16. It rained all day yesterday and most of the night the storm is over this rain made the grass &c look green Peach trees commenced blossoming some early Flowers are in blossom. we have passed over a very beautiful country on this march far better than any I have seen any where in Va with the industry and enterprise of the Northern people it would be the nicest in the U.S. well watered and any thing that would grow any where would flourish here this war has made desolation here you to home there no nothing about it is beyond your expectation I think I might say imagination.

Sat morning April 18 Capt Donley has resigned and is going home this morning I send this by him we are here yet probly will stay here a few days we are here to guard the River ford

Stephen

Sheet No 2

I have drawn no clothing yet. I have two Shirts white woolen like the one I left there one of them I got of a man that bought a colored one of the Sutler and was agoing to throw it away. I took it and cleaned it it was nearly new it saved me 1.46 that is the price of the Shirts. C Anderson had four Shirts when he came here he gave me one. he brought twice as mutch clothing here as he will want to carry when we march he got them at convelesent camp with but little cost. I should make a requisition for Shirts if I could get some all wool colored but

we do not know what we will get until they come those that Sign have to take what they ordered I shal have to draw a pr Shoes soon. Lide could I collor my Shirts with Oak Bark or some thing that growes or that I can get here. if you think I can write and tell me how to do it. they get so yellow they look bad when they are clean. If I did nothing more than stane them a little they would look better than they do now. Cha^s A. said he was verry lonely when he got back to Stafford last May he went in the tent we maid and found everything as we left it

our Bed, Seats & Cubbord with Pork, Bread &c and our dishes that we used while there. the cans that we had sent by the Dear ones at home, and all sutch things that we would get together and make in the few weeks we was there was there as we left them. when he was talking to me about he said Steve "you must know that I felt bad for I was the onley one to return to the tent out of the five (Lilly was with us the last few days) and there was Cross & Conant they tented to the end of our tent with nothing but a piece of tent to Seperate and that was down a good part of the time he said he went to work and cleaned out the tent and two other men of the company went

with him and they put there tent cloth on it. he soon heard from J Wilson he was wounded Cross & Conant was both wounded Lilly had no gunn he started to the rear in time to get away I was taken Prisnor and Elias has never ben heard from If I donot get a letter from you this Eav. I shal begin to think you ment what you said when at Otto that one letter in a month was enough and perhaps was enough and perhaps I may adopt that plan and not use as mutch as I now do whitch expence you have to pay now. But as I have plenty of time that I have nothing to do I write as mutch to pass off a little time as anything for I have no news to write we are laying here as quiet as if there was not a Reb. in the State or U.S. and as it is quite warm we are verry well sadisfied to remain here for the pesant I sent Letter to you last Sunday

Ever yours Steve

SHEAT#2

Camp Parole
Annapolis May 26

Dear Wife

I am agoing to write and give you my adventuers of the past week Monday May 18 soon after dinner I walked out of camp to have a walk in the green field not intending to go over one half mild from camp I got to thinking of what Lieut Jenkins said in the forenoon that we probly would not be exchanged in 3 months and perhaps it would be six months for to lay around here with nothing to do did not agree with my disposition and I must say I had the Blews something that did not trouble me when I was with the Regiment I had heard a good many of the men say that they was not going to stay here in Camp Parole that they wood try and go home as I was thinking of it all and of home I came to the conclusion that I would try my luck so I started of without going back to camp or saying any thing to any one at 10 oclock in the eavning I was taken by a squad of Soldiers four milds from Baltimore it is well garded in and around Balt. I new I could not go there I intended to go South West and leave B. to the right I did not think I was within 8 or 10 milds of the city I walked faster than I expected in 8 hours I walked 26 or 28 milds Tuesday morning a Corporal went with me to there head quarters at Fort Fedral hill. it was a N.Y. Regt from near Lockport I was used as well by them as if I was one of there Regt they came out about the same time the 154 Regt. did they have been in Balt. all of the time part of them at Ft. Fedral Hill and part at Ft. McHenry. Wenesday May 20 a Corpral went with with me to Fort McHenry (there is where they send all of the Soldiers that are picked up in the vercinity of Balt.) I was all over the Fort with him he could go where he pleased as it was his Regt or part of it that was there I saw many interesting things enough to pay me for one weeks travel in and about the Fort I saw a 200 lbs Shell that the British fired at the Fort in the war of 1814 that did not burst there is a Rebel Spy confined in the fort that is to be hung this week Friday they shot 6 shots at a target that afternoon with guns that carried 64 lbs ball there is 96 large guns mounted in the fort and several morters and a number of light artilery the Officer would not except of me from the Corp so I went back with him to Ft Fedral Hill that Eav. the next day (Thursday) I went again and was excepted there was 40 men there that had left camp Parole and ben picked up in the vercinity of B. in the past week I should have wrote to you while there but they told us every day that we would be sent back the next morn and it went from day to day in that way until this morning we left and came here on the R. Road I expected to have some mail when I got here but there is none yet the last letter I rec from you was Apr 5th I mailed one to you May 16 at Fort Monroe and one here May 17 also to Otto at the same time When I got back here I found that our company and all of the Regt except about one half dozen had gone to washington or near there. I am sadisfied with my trip and if I try to come home again it will be when I get a furlow or am discharged I hope I

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S. R. Green
Camp Parole
Annapolis Md
Co E, 154th N.Y.V.

I send a small Flower that I put in my Diary at Kelleys ford about April 15 the
first Spring flowers I saw all I have left is the clothes I have on Lizzies Likeness
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must close it is nearly mail time

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British fired at the Fort in the war
of 1814 that did not burst
there is a Rebel spy confined in the
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Truxton June the 11th/63

Mr Green

Sir, Your kind Letter of the 5th has just come to hand, also My Darling Husbands Port Monnaie, with its contents. With many thanks to You for Your disinterested kindness, I hasten to answer it. You wish to know whether my Husband is liveing or not. I cannot tell You positive, as Your account contradicts all other reports, which say he died May the 2nd. The first account we had of his being wounded came to hand May the 10th, and stated that he was shot dead by the first volley which the Rebbels fired at the 11th Corps, then on the 14th or 15th, some of the boys wrote Home saying, Voll was not killed as was at first supposed but was taken up and carried to the Hospital and was alive the last we knew of him, about the same time others wrote Home saying, Voll was taken to the Hospital & died there in a few hours.

E M^c Chesnea, who enlisted from this place in the same Com with my Husband, writes to his Sister, saying, tell Hannah Voll was wounded 3 times before he gave up the Colours & once after 2 times in his bowels & twice in his legs he further says, I found him in the Hospital dead, & the Rebs had taken all he had. Harvey Stone a member of the M^cGrawville Com & a native of the adjoining town of Solon, was Paroled & came home on Furlough, my Brother went to see him, as we had been told Stone had seen Valentine in the Hospital, his account of it was as follows. Voll was shot about 6 o clock in the evening, I was taken from under a Horse which fell on me & died there, I was taken to a Hospital & Paroled & sent to help take care of our Wounded, as soon as I could get permission I went to another Hospital in search of Voll

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I found him in the Yard dead, I couldnot believe he was dead he looked so naturall, he was laying partly on his left side, I turned him over felt of his face & hands but he was dead I folded his hands across his breast & left him. but others have talked with Stone about it, to each of whom he tells a different story, & we have finally concluded that we knew no more of the truth after hearing Stone's report than we did before. The first shock left me nearly stupefied, I was utterly incapable of doing anything or of thinking anything except that my own Darling was shot & died among strangers, when perhaps if I had been permitted to be with him he might have lived, but after a time I was able to keep my ideas more connected, then a new thought took possession of my mind, that was, that Valentine is not dead, & now as I am writing to You, I just as firmly believe I shall yet be permitted to see my Darling, here at Home with his Family, as I believe there is a God who reigns in Heaven Why it is I feel so I am unable to explain but the thought is everpresent & I cannot banish it from my mind. Valentine Baker Enlisted in Com H, 157th Reg which rendezvoused at Hamilton, Madison Co. N.Y. & is Commanded by Col Phillip P Brown. the Reg now belongs to Siegels old Corps the 11th. which at the time of the last Rapahannock Butchery was commanded by Gen Howard. We were married 7 years ago last Decem we have buiried our eldest which was a girl & her Fathers pride, we now have 2 boys & 1 girl, Valentine loved his boys & doated on his girl. I forgot to say, my Husband was appointed Corporal at Hammilton, & Volunteerd to go into the Colour Guard at its formation while the Reg was at Fairfax C H, & at the time of his being wounded was Colour Bearer. I hope you will excuse my Letter & not blame me for saying so much, for when I once start on this sad subject I dont know when to stop, believe me &c Hannah M Baker

P S Enclosed I send the amount You paid on Valentines P M please write & tell me whether my Husband was in a House or out doors of if he was in a bed & appeared to have any care write all you know concerning him & oblige a friend Hannah P S will You please state in your next what time of the day You saw Valentine. Stone & others say he died about 9 in the evening of the 2nd, about 3 hours after he was wounded

NOTE: This is in a group of letters written by Stephen R. Green of Brocton, Chautauqua County, New York, a private in Company E, 154th New York Infantry. The battle Mrs. Baker refers to as the "latest Rapahannock Butchery" was fought at Chancellorsville, Virginia on May 2, 1863. Her husband, Valentine Baker, a corporal in Company H, 157th New York Infantry, was shot while carrying the colors and died later that evening from his wounds. Both the 154th and 157th were in the Union 11th Corps, which was overrun by Confederates under General Stonewall Jackson during the late afternoon Rebel attack on the Union right.

July 22 [27] 63
Near Warrington Jnc.

Dear Wife

I rec Miss Howe's letter of July 15 last Eavning I was verry glad to here from home I sent letters to you when I was at Burling the day before I went to the Regt. and on wednesday July 22, most of us had gone to Bed ore more properly laid down for the night when the Chaplain came around saying a chance to send out your letters so I got up and sent the one I had partly wrote the next morning Thursday we started on the march stoped at White Plane on the Mannassas R.R. about 5 or 6 West of Manassas Gap in the afternoon we stoped to rest on the same ground where our Picket line was when we was at M. Gap last fall about one mild from the gap on the west side of the ridge we went in a Southerly direction 5 or 6 milds from the gap to New Baltimore remained there Friday. Saturday morn. before 3 oclock we were caled up to get Coffee &c at daybreak we started on the march arrived here about noon it was 15 milds we have ben here two days it is Monday noon July 27. do not no how long we shal remain here. Our Surgeon rec order that that J. Wilson had left the Hospt. for the Regt we expect him here soon last saturday morn. soon after we started we pased the ground where we camped last Nov. A. Fay & Grant of the 9 cavelry are here now they look well and healthy. I cannot send this to day the mail has gone it is hard getting paper & Env. I just got 4 Envelops & 4 S. Paper for one Dime if you send any to me be more paticular about sending Env. than paper as we have to pay as mutch here for an Envelop as for a Sheat of paper it is imposable to get stamps here we are in a verry poor place to get watter this Regt never was where watter is as hard to get as it is here Blackberries are plenty here but there is so ment to get them it is onley by chance or good luck that one gets any I have had as many as I wanted 3 or 4 diferent times you must be careful and not break your neck or ancle again if you go picking Berries

Was there any Berries on that Lawton Bush in the grapes was there white that was supposed to be. How is the grapes and other fruit Tuesday Morning the mail leavs here at 8 this morning there is no sines of our leaving here but we may leave on short notice Wm. H. has got Sick of martching and wants to go to parol camp but I have no desire to return there I think I know a little more about it than he does those that are there are getting sicker of it the longer they stay did you send that letter to Mrs Baker who is conscripted in that town and vercinity I wrote to Otto Sunday yours in Hope with my best wishes for all

Steve

Sat Eav.
August 14, 63

Dear Wife

I received yours of Aug 11 this afternoon I think that there is considerable talk and excitement there about one or two Soldiers. I am glad to know that the people there are interested in my welfare and I am thankful to know that they are willing to help me in time of need but I hope and trust that I shall not have to trouble them at present to know that they think I had know wrong or evil intention in coming home is a great relief to my mind. but I never felt very bad about it for I done no more than many other good Soldiers and honest men done As I said before there is no trouble about my pay I may not get it until I am exchanged. in order to punish or take pay from me they have to Court martial me and I no that will never be done the Officers Commanding the Company or Regiment would as soon think of giving me a furlow for two years or during the war I sent a paper--The Illustrated News--to Lizzie to-day I had nothing else to send her and I thought she would be pleased to look at the pictures. The Darling little child little does she know how much of the time every day I am thinking of her. I suppose I neglect to mention her when I write more than I should I suppose it please her to have me write about her

I sent letter to you yesterday I bought a little paper to day I now have Eight sheets & five Envelops besides this I am very glad you sent Marys letter I have rec none from them yet expect one every mail It is getting to dark to write

Sunday--I have just returned from Church or a Short Surmon from our Chaplain it was not much like Church there a group of men seated on the ground and I think they listened more attentively and thought less of how those around them was clothed than is apt to be the case there at Church the most of the men & Officers had on no Coat some was with bare feet. there was no Ladies looking around to see who had got a new Bonnet or any Clothing (new style) so the young men had nothing to draw their attention from survive you inquired about Capt Fay we have heard nothing from him nor of any of the company that went with him. you cannot think how much he is missed by the co several times every day I hear some one here say I wish the Capt would come back and all of the rest of the absent ones. not only in his company but all of the men in the Regt. speak greatly in his favor.--If Laura stops there she and you will have a good visit I think I hope she will do so--it is very warm here--I will send back Marys Letter

S. R. Green

Sunday Eav I was to late with my letter this afternoon I rec yours of the 12 this afternoon. the Paper Env. & Stamps I will write a little more

Monday
August 16, 1863

Dear Wife

Pleas write and let me know who is drafted and all about it. al here want to no who the luccy ones are to draw a ticket we think that the most of the men in that town that are Drafted will pay the 300 Dollars or get a Substitut I donot no but verry few there that I think will come. your Father got full as mutch Hay on his lot as I expected he will have all he will want does the cow give milk enough to make what Butter the family wants. we have more than we Eat here Soft Bread, Beans Dried Apples, Fresh Beaf, Shugar Coffee &c we do not Eat more than two thirds of the Beaf we get the men in this Regt cook Draw rations &c as two companies our Co. cook cooks for one half He thought he had to mutch for one man to do, and asked for help and the Capt Command in detailed C. Anderson to help cook as he had no gunn the Regt in this Brigaid was all out on Dress perade last Eav. our Regt made a small show if our Capt had went out last winter with as few men he would ben ashamed of his company from your Husband

Lookout Valley
Tenn. Nov. 21, 1863

My Dear Wife

We left Nashville Sunday Nov 15. Early in the morning on top of a train loaded with supplies for the army. the R.R. was in bad order and train heavy loaded and we went very slow. Monday in the forenoon we went through a tunnel over a mile long 90 miles from Nashv. in the afternoon we stopped at Stevenson Ala. about one hour changed cars and went on to Bridgeport Ala. on the North side of the Tenn. River we went a little out of town and camped for the night there was 43 men in the squad all of this Division command by a Lieut. of the 27 Pa (of this Brig.) Col. Jones had to stay and see to sending away the rest of his men from Nashv. he has not got here yet. the Lieut could not get transportation for us on the Boat so we had to march we left Bridgeport Tuesday and arrived here Thursday we had to march about 30 miles it is 5 miles from here to the Boat landing where we get Supplies &c. there was a letter came here for me about a week ago forward from Annapolis from Father and family written Oct 30. the last letter I rec from you was written Oct 25 I mailed a letter to you the morning I left Nashville I brought some Tob with me which I sold for 1.50 I have now 2.08 which do me for the present and if I want any more I can borrow it here the Regt was paid last week. Lide I have come off much better than I expected there is not one sent of charges against me for arrest transportation &c and I have good reason to suppose that there will be none, for there has been some bill against men in this Regt that have ben sent here There is some that think a man should be shot for leaving Parole camp and committed as large a crime as if he had Deserted from a picket post in front of the enemy such persons had better come here a short time and learn some thing Wesley Ash of Westfield a member of our company was at Annapolis and not exchanged and wanted to go home and to Pa. so when we came from there Col. Jones took him as his servant to see his baggage as far as Pittsburgh that does not look as if he thought a man was a deserter that left parole camp

when you write put in paper & Envelops when you can without making your letters over weight as it is difficult getting any here I have about twenty Envelops and as much paper I will send my letters without Stamps

(Address)

S R Green
Co. E 154 Regt N.Y.V.
Army of the Cumberland

[undated, circa February 1864, Lookout Valley, Tennessee]

- May 6th 1863 Regt crossed Rappahanoc R. at U.S. Ford camped for night at Deep Run. Rained
- May 7 mch at daylight arrived in old camp near Stafford Remained in old camp about two week then moved about one mile to pine woods
- June 11 Lieut. Jenkins returned to Reg.
- June 12 March to Hartwood Church
- June 13 Mch. camped for night near Catlet Station
- June 14 March--Dinner at Bristoe Station ten o'clock P.M. on Bull Run Battle field
- June 15 March to Centerville
- June 17 Resume march camped near goos creek
- June 19, 20 & 21 Know marching
- June 22 154 Reg. mch about three miles to guard ford
- June 23, 1864 March to Edwards Ferry
- June 24 Cross Potomac River on pontoons camped at Jefferson mch about 35 miles
- June 25 March to Middletown then to South mountain to guard the pass
- June 26 On Picket
- June 27 made camp in orchard
- June 28 Mch 4 o'clock P.M. Fredrick
- June 29 March at day light to Emmitsburg
- July 1 Mch--arrive at Gettysburg about noon 154 Reg. ordered to front and about all taken prisoners or killed & wounded
- July 2 The men of our Regt off on detail returned and are ordered to the front

*[undated, circa February 1864,
continued]*

July 5 Mch within three milds of Emmittsburg

July 6 March P.M. to Emmittsburg

July 7 March at early dawn to near Fredrick then left the pike went near Middletown and camped

July 8 Mch through Middletown and through gap and camped for night

July 10 Two P.M. mch through Boonsborough and within about five milds of Hagerstown

July 11 mch within one mild of Hagerstown

July 13 March to Chamberssburg go through Hagerstown camp at night on banks of Potomac River

July 14 March through Hagerstown and back over mountain through Snickersville to within five milds of Middletown

July 15 mch through Middletown Jefferson and camp near Berlin twelve milds down Potomac from Harpers Ferry

July 17 Wm. Haight and myself joined the Regt

July 19 March early cros Potomac on Pontoon Bridge at Berlin

My Dear Wife

On this sheat is a brief sketch of the marche &c of this Reg't from the Chancelorville fight to the time I joined the Reg't again. as I had notes in my Diary and in letters of all the movements &c of the Regt while I was with them I thought I would get this I will get there march and movement from the time I left Reg. at Alexandria and went to parole camp to the time I joined them here in Lookout Valley then I will have all of the dates and movements of the Reg. or you will have. I commenced keeping a diary when we left Annapolis Nov 1 I have sent you a copy to Jan 1 and I think I did for the month of Jany but cannot recolect let me know if I did not I will and will send you a copy of each month. this month will not be very interesting as we have laid here in camp and done nothing but drill picket &c

Monday Eavning
February 29, 1864

My Dear Wife

It rained last night and most of the day we have done nothing to-day in camp but turnout by companies and march to officers quarters and answer to our names on the muster-roll. W^m Callahan is out on picket so I am alone I thought I would pass off the Eavning by writing a little to you I mailed a letter to you this forenoon. Our Brigaid does picket duty two days and the Second Brig. relieve us for two days. the detail from our company is generally a Sergant, one or two Corprals, and five or six men. I must tell you a little about our being paid W^m Haight had a charge of ten Dollars sent to the Reg. for being arrested out of Parole C. Annapolis after we went back there it was charged to him on the pay-roll but not done in a proper manner by the right officers so the paymaster would not pay him but he will get his pay next time it is a easy matter to make it all right we signed the payroll in the forenoon (the day we was paid) and and oposit of my name was

fourteen months pay due and I did not expect but twelve but I thought that if I should tell them that I had had two month pay at Parole Camp it might throw me out of getting any so I came to the conclusion that when it was properly brought against me was time enough. our company was marched up for pay when my name was called I stepped in to the tent one of the paymasters said how mutch pay have you due. I said fourteen months. He said where have you ben all of this time. I answered that I had ben a paroled prisnor sais he in Parole Camp all of this time and got no pay. I answered that I had ben home and to the Reg. Then the other P.M. asked if there was any remarks oposit my name the answer was not any there is not a scratch against him then he said we will pay him and counted me out the one hundred and eighty two Dollars I took it put on my cap and stepped out to give the next man a chance. R. Ogden is two months ahead that he got in the Hospital that was never reported against him yet we shall expect it to be taken out every pay until it is done but he has ben paid twice since he returned to Regt. Clinton L. Barnhart is promoted to Lieut. he is not asigned to any Company yet Lieut S.W. Beardsley is in Command of this Company yet George Sweatland is Orderly Sergt. Blackman Fitch is Sergt and Earl Bacon and Andrew Hollister is Corperals. Cha^s Anderson and

Feb. 29, 1864

Abl Williams are company Cooks yet. Anderson does Washing and earns a good many dimes in that way he has sent home more money than any other private is our company. There is a Cave in Lookout Mountain about three milds from here but we cannot go there without a pass from the Brigaid Commander John Wilson was over there last week and spent about three hours in the Cave he got some stones when he was in there I will send you a small piece when I went to Chattanooga I went past the cave and went in it a little ways but as I had my money with me I thought I would not go in alone it is nesary to have lights if any one intends going in far. There is a brantch office of the United States Cristian Commision for this Corps at the railroad about 1 1/2 milds from here we can get postage Stamps (to buy) there, papers tracts and Testiments Soldiers Humn Books and they did have some little bags with sutch articles as was thought the Soldiers would nead for free distribution in every bag was the name and adress of the one that presented it all that our Reg. got was from Ohio mostly from little Girls and young ladies with a request that the one that rec. it should write to them most of the Boys that got bags did write. the Bugle sais roll-call I must stop as soon as the drummers can play five tunes we must be all in line in the company

street roll-cal 8 1/2 in Eavning --- Back in tent and at 6 o'clock in the morning. it is verry dark but not raining now. you always write your name Eliza I wished you would write it as it is Ann Eliza or Ann E. or A.E for I think that every person should write there name to agre with the family record and I think yours would sound full as well to have it right you may think that I have a queer fit of writing this Eav. well I think so myself but I have wrote nothing but what I thought would interest you or what I wished to let you know the agents for the Chris. Com. comes once a week and leaves papers they are generaly 3 or 4 month and some of them one year but as reading matter is scarce we are thankfull to get them the most interesting thing of the kind was at Hospital Annapolis I read some papers there that was twenty years old they was truly interesting and was read by the men in preference to the papers of the latest dates I will quit writing and turn in for the night it is raining again Mch 1. it has ben raining all the forenoon. I just rec yours of Feb 22. I am sorry to hear that you are not well shal wait with impacience for another letter from from you to hear wheather you are better or worse I am glad to hear that Lizzie is well and that she injoyes herself I want you to send me the Adress of Mrs Baker that I wrote to when I was there if you cannot find the letter she wrote send it as it is in my Diary do not neglect it I want to write to her as soon as I get the adress I will tell you about it some other time on I will send the letter to you and you may forward it if you are jelous about it

From your affectionate Husb.

Stephen R Green 640229SG.DOC

[April 1864]
Lookout Valley

Father Peacock

Dear Sir

I wrote to you a month ago have rec no letter from you since I would like to have you write often your letters are interesting to me you write about home maters about what you are a doing &c you must know that that is what I most desire to know and what I think about verry often. I want to write to you a little political maters. acording to the returns of the election or of the vote for to amend the state cons. to give soldiers a right to vote there was 84 against the amendment it is generally supposed here that it is the peace Democrats that go against the amendment. some here say dam the man that voted in that way but I do not think so I believe in every mans voting as he thinks is right and best for the country and that is the onley way to support a Demmocratic government There is no one that wants this war to close and have peace restored more than I do nor there is no clas desires it more than the soldiers I think there is onley one way to have peace and it is shure there is onley two way one is to put down the rebellion let the Rebels know that this is a democratic government and that the majority will rule, and if they do not like it they must go some where out of the United States to establish a government and we have done a great deal in the past year to establish that sadsifactory to thousands of rebels Now in my opinion all that elected Seymor gov. of N.Y. was that the people thought if he was elected there would be no draft and that he would do all he could to stop the war &c. When he took his office what did he do? why he done just as any other man would have to do to support the Constitution and laws of the State of N.Y. and of the U.S. and when the President called on him for men he furnished them the same as any other man would have to do. Now it is the same with a President he has got to go acording to the con. & Laws if he did not he would soon be deprived of the presidancy now it is for the interest of the people to get the man for the president that is the best qualified as well as for all other offices. a little more about peace can any man say judging from what has ben done that we cannot subdye this rebellion to be shure they cannot do you think that we should stop where we are and let them have things as they say after gaining as mutch and doing as mutch as we have and stop where we could stoped three years ago and saved thousands of lives and let the country go and say we have no government that might be a second way of haveing peace but I doubt if we would have it then. so a vigarous prosicution of the war is the onley way I can see to have peace and every man at the north or in the United States that cries peace and says stop the war are onley prolonging it and keeping the soldiers from there homes. now you think of the matter and see if I am not right the crying peace will never stop the war but will be incouragement to the rebs you have some influence in this matter very men has and your vote counts as mutch

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as any mans try to inform yourself of what is right and then do it regardless of what others may think let them do as they think is right sutch times as these every man should try to do his duty

Ever yours
S. R. Green