

Lookout Valley Tenn
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Dear Ed

Yesterday I was the happy recipient of a letter which I suppose was written at Springs Place and intended for No ten. next time please date your letters. I also received two papers but they was directed to Co. B. how strange I am much obliged for the papers. I had been expecting the Evangelist. I had not seen the Tribune since I left Camp Parole. I missed it. Ed you asked me "who is the soldiers vote going for" Well I suppose it is the same here as at home. some for the great McClelland It may be some would vote for Freemont while some will vote for Lincoln and among is Dave Jones My politics has not changed since I have left Home but the more I see of old Abe the more I believe that Lincoln was raised like Washington for the especial salvation of his Country. That is my politics.

Then I believe in Emancipation and negro soldiers. to me it seems more man fashion to make them fight than it does to give them the best horse, and white collars and gloves, while we poor mortals go afoot lugging our knapsacks. my doctrine has always been that they would be freed by the war and they are no better than I am and I say let them go in front as well as us and not be kept in the rear out of danger. Besides I believe in Gen's Grant and Meade in spite of Doubleday Sickles or Greeley. So far as I know Lincoln is the first and only choice of the soldiers. I have always been a believer in Freemont but he undertakes to head off Lincoln. I am no more Freemont I suppose you think that I care no more about the Town of Leon for you have not told me the names of any of the Town officers. Our Colonel is P. H. Jones Lieutenant Colonel Dan Allen Major Warner, Quarter master Edgar Shannon we have Drs Day and Rugg Vanarnum is Division Surgeon our sutler is the late Colonel Loomis. Hotchkiss is our Captain. Benson is second lieutenant but is acting adjutant. we have no first lieutenant. Chapman was promoted to captain but resigned. I tent with Robinson and Smith Milton is well. Amos is down with the rheumatism. Marshall is getting along quite well. Andrew is here and looks first rate. Anson Park is dead. Measels was his death. Now I want you to tell how much we owe besides the land. I am in hopes next month I shall get paid so as to let you have over a hundred dollars and I should like to have it used so as to meet the mortgage at least a hundred I hope to be able to meet the interest without touching it Remember me

Ever Yours

D S Jones