

Hd. Qrs. 154th N.Y.V.
Lookout Valley, Tenn.
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My Dear Frant,

I rec'd your kind & welcome letter of Mar 17. I was very glad to learn you were well, improving the & trying to be happy. Also that you found so many kind friends. I am really glad you find such good people. For there is nothing that encourages one so much as to know they have friends also have an interest in them. They are what make this world of ours what it should be & I've reciprucate their love by giving ours in return. by this doing make not only ourselves but all around us happy, if all could try to make others happy, what a happy world this would be, but it is not so in of jealousy & pride make us all more or less miserable, but now for something a little more interesting. we will take the boys, they are all well & good looking (of course). Andrew Park got to the Regt. monday, his cousin Anson Park died tuesday. his remains were sent home. he had the measles & caught cold. I was sent over to Chattanooga Thursday to get some express boxes sent to the boys of teh Regt. & to the officers. got four. One of them for Col. sent by teh ladies of Randolph for the Regt. I got a nice pair of socks. thanks to the fair hands that knit them. Rode on the cars to Chattenooga & back. Bill & Cel went with me. his brother (Cel) sent him a box, so I got some nice things. while there I saw something strange. What do you think it was, it was a good looking woman. Strange things are they not Frant. Iam now fairly situated in my new position & everything is going on swimmingly. I have been quite busy for the last few days making out requisitions for clothing, stationery & ordnance for the Regt. Del is with me & we have some gay times, play chess & keep something going most of the time. he felt hurt to think I was put over him when he knew more about the business than I did but then it was no more than natural. I shall soon understand it as well as he does, may be better. the Col. did not want him Qm. because he thoughts he did not have go ahead enough to him. It is a wonder to me he did not get it for all the influential men of Cattaraugus were to work for him. Jimks[?] went to Albany & all around it seems however that it made bo difference. have got a smart horse & most a new suit a clothes. have got the straps on my coat. wouldn't you like to see them on a greeny like me. I tell you they look grand. I'll get my profile taken when I get my whole suit & give you the nicest one which will not be much to bragg on Laen [?] if the artist does his work well. you must send me yours won't you Frant. you can guess how much I will think of it & how nice I will keep it. You wished I were there the evening you wrote. you don't wish so harder that I do, if O had been I'll bet. No I won't, well yes I will to I'll bet. I'll bet I'd kicked you

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if Miss White had been in the same room. We would have shown her the way they do it up in Catt woun'dn't sees. Wish I could be to Earlville during vacation. how I could enjoy it. I would also keep your heart for you if you would let me. I will keep it safe. I feel honored Frant for the confidence you place in me. I esteem it an honor to be your best friend. I think Frant no friend holds such a place in my heart as you. I agree with you that those who write upon these things should have great confidence in each other. I thank you for your frankness in expressing your thoughts also for your kind letter. I have tried to answer it & write as good on one as you did but I see it is no use to try. My will is good enough. So Frant consider it an error of the brain & not of the heart. Frant I think I will take a smaller sheets of paper. I can not think of enough to fill one.

So I will subscribe my name & send you a ki-----ss.

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Sunday morning Mar, 21

It is about nine o'clock. have my boots blacked & shaved all but my moustache whiskers 1/4 of an inch long. Del & Bill send their regards. I send you my love. good bye Frant, write me a good long letter. yours in truth & love

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