

Hd Qr's 154th N.Y. Vols
Lookout Valley, Tenn.
April 21st/64

Dear Frant,

Your's of April 10th was duly Rec'd & read with more than common interest I can assure you. I think a great deal more of your letters than of any body else. they do me good & when I get through I think I have a letter & that I can afford to answer it. I had just got back from Chattanooga when your letter came. I got a pafs from Lieut. Wellman (who kept school up west). we supposed we could ride on the cars, but there were, never a rebel, so we had to foot it there & back about 12 miles. would went [of] horseback if I had known it. they wouldn't as much as let us ride the cars nor walk around the road, but we were good natured & made the best of it. got around home just as they were having dress parade, five o'clock & took a good game of all after supper. see you can guess I am in some health & all able to bear considerably fatigue, hope I may continue so & come home all right. I want to see Frant some other was besides looking at her photograph. O! you can't think how pleased I was to get it. it looks like Frant. but there is a different look some way, it don't look as you used to. you look more sober & dignified, but I would in fact that you sent me, but it's a real nice picture [and] I am very much obligated to you sending it. I will send you mine soon as I can gat it taken if you have not yet enough of them already (I won't send Helen one). It is about ten o'clock, retreat has sounded. most of the boys are to bed. Del has gone to bed. he is pretty crap[?] to night, but then I don't care whether he is crap as good natured, for as far as I am concerned if he only feel well. we have been very busy to day drawing & issuing clothing. I presume he is tired. he is not a[s] tough as he might be, we get along pretty well together. Bill C. has been promoted to Sergeant in my place in the Co. I am glad of it, wish he would get higher for Bill is as good as I ever met with, but then I suppose you know that already, so I will not tell you anymore of his good qualities as you might think more of him than you do of me & then I would get jealous & you know I won't say you know but it is a very bad disease. There is great entertainment here at present, all the boys are going into Nigger regiments as officers. they are going to be examined tomorrow. Cal Darling is going in & Monroe Carpenter. if they pass here thet go to Philidelphia to school 30 days, then if they pass there, they get a commission. they will probably have to stay three years longer whether the war closes or not. I would go in if I had not got a commission here, but I am glad I have one here. I [would] rather be here than in a black Regiment by all odds. your father has gone back than has his. it was too bad he could not have come & seen you before he went back. I hope he will live to get home all right & live to

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see this rebellion put down & enjoy the fruits of his labors by a life of happiness in the midst of his family. I would really liked to been to you checked me & then took you along with me & let some one else checked. I think you done well & you have the thanks of every good soldier for your effort in their behalf, but I must say that a great deal the al [?] [objects] that is given for the soldier never carries out the object it was intended for, the doctors & preachers , live pretty well, still would not & in courage you. the Christian Commission has done great things for the soldiers, God Bless them & the fair ladies who have taken such an interets in the soldiers. Then you don't think it is much consequence to talk with me do you? Well I don't care. I know you don't mean it. you would give your old Garters to talk with me half an hour. I would give my old boots, saddle, bridle & halter to see you that length of time. Don't forget to let me know when you get married. I really want to be there Frant (& have a hand in) with out any Joking & I trust I may be. Whether it would be the first time ever if are you the mitten [?]. I have forgotten it perhaps. I wouldn't if it had been the other way: (you told me trust or three things)[this segment had been crossed out in the original letter] the girls in Leon thought two or three things but did not tell me what they were. why not tell me Frant, in your next letter & you see I have not written you a little short letter. plenty unless better you will say; I have scratched off what came into my mind if there are any mistakes excuse them & see only what is right if there is any.

THIS OLD PEN GOES BY FITS
but I will finish this letter with it.
Good night & Sweet be your rest
Edgar

Please write soon Frant