

Lookout Valley, Tenn.
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Dearest Frant,

Your very welcome letter of April 17th was received yesterday; I read with great pleasure. I had been very busy all day, Del & I had been making out receipts & invoices for the month of April, but I stopped long enough to read your letter. I assure you, then when I got through I read it through two or three times. It was a real good letter. I think you might told me the one thing you could not & would not forget. please tell me next time. I dont remember any thing in particular, but every thing in general. you asked me to forget those things I wrote about. I wont promise that I will. I dont know as I want to. unlik it was to please you & I dont believe you care any great about it, do you Frant. dont think I could if I should try. I was very sorry to learn your mother was sick. I really hope she will get well, so you will not have to go home. it would be bead after your mind is made up , to have your hopes crushed so suddenly. I trust all will come out right. your life does not seem to be the pleasantist Frant. there seems to be some things over which you have no control to make you happy. I trust it will not always be thus, out that you may be happy; I enjoy life as it takes these trials are sometimes for our good. they learn us to rely on ourselves & not depend to much on others & thus fits us for the duties of life far better than any schools can. mine has been a rough life. in the early part was dark & gloomy, I had but few friends & one to love me or scarcely notice me. I had scarcely any privileges until I got old enough to demand them but I think it was for my good. I trust there are a few who are true friends & one at least who loves me, although I am unworthy of it. What would life be without someone to love & I know that love is reciprocated & that the object of our affections is worthy our purest thoughts, it does more to keep a man good than all other influences combined. Halt.

the boys are all well I believe. Bill has got his sergeants chevrons on, is good natured as ever. Marshall is going into the Invalid Corps as Orderly Sergeant. Ellsworth has been promoted to Lieut. there are a good many promotions in our Regt., will be a good many this summer. quite a number will resign, I dont know whether I will get any higher or not. I shall if there is a chance, if I can.

It is evening & O! you cant guefs what a splendid evening it is. There is the most beautiful singing birds here I ever heard. How I would like to take a walk a mile & back with you such a night as this; but I cant so there is no use talking; it has been very warm here to day. warm as July at home. I rather think it will make us sweat this

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Johnston in writing to Jeff says, He dont know but he will have to pull back that the Yankees are on every hill & in every valley & so near he can hear them give commands as follows: Attention: All creation by kingdoms, right full, march.

Good Bye Frant
Edgar

In the woods, Near herworthin, Ga.
June 14th/64

Dear Frant,

Your very welcome letter of May 29th was received day before yesterday. I was very glad to get it. it was waful muddy & had been raining three or four days. they were fighting out in front of us & every thing looked gloomy. your letter done me all sorts of good & cheered me up for a while more than usual. i would not hav eyou think I am down hearted moping & pining around for I am not. I am quite good natured & livilier then I used to be at home & as much again of a boy: for to tell the truth that is the best way to get along in the army. if I were amind to fret I could find enough to fret about all teh time & soon get where fretting is unknown.

I wish you could be here & see just how we are situated. Del is reading. Pem (Comsary Sergeant) is writing to his mother. Otis is cooking green apples & Coffee for dinner. come down & you may have Some if you will be good. They are fighting ahead. Bill casten was down here this afternoon. he is pretty well, has been down for a few days past. Ellsworth came down & told him the Regt. had moved So he had to hustle back. Cel is well & tall as ever. Bill Clark (Orderly Sert.) of Co. B has been promoted to Adjt. I guesf Bill will be oderly in his place. I hope so & will so all I can for him (if you think so much of him). He is better than his sister dont you think so? but then I wont ask you what you think for I know dont think as I do for I am or else you are for all dont think alike. I agree with you that women like to command themselves (thats why I dont like them) I am going to make my woman mind when I tell her to bake pies. she must & if I tell her to join the Baptist Church, she has to do it & she has to kiss me when I want her to. dont you pity the woman who marries me? She has to wear Low dresses, churning shoes, an old calico Sun Bonnent & no hoops So I can laugh at her nonsense. enough I guesf.

This is a tough campaign & tell you brightly all the time night & day. when I wake up nights I can hear the reports of muskets now & then are common & all day long, for three or four weeks. I hope we Shall thrash them Soon So we can end this war & return to our homes with those we love. Ill not give any news lately. I dont hear any thing hardly

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from Leon worth notice. I hear the 64th has been cut up badly. how did the Leon boys come out. Please tell me in your next if any were hurt. How does mr. Herrich get along?

You will forgive this poor writing wont you Frant & write soon

From your Friend
Edgar

this is the newest pen