

Atlanta, Ga.  
Sept. 15th/64

Dear Frant,

Your very welcome letter of Aug. 29th came to hand the 13th inst. It found me well. I was very sorry to learn that your health had been so poor. I had heard you were sick but did not know you had the fever. I think it must be catching. there are so many cases of it right together so. O hope you may get well now as it had turned or not have another attack. you must be very careful though until you get perfectly well. Do not sit up late as you used to when I was acquainted with you. when I get home I will bet I; sit up as long as you or meet go to school. I learn our folks are all sick with that fever. if I had known it four or five days sooner I could get a furlough I would have got one, but when I learned you were all sick Dave Day had Sent in for a furlough & so I could not get one as they let only five per cent of the men & officers. One of the Staff go at a time. Dave is on the Regt. Staff so I can not go until he gets back. Del is going from the Non Comm Staff So you may look for him home soon, if his furlough comes around all right. the Maj. has approved it. How I would like to go home now. the best time in all the year. what pleasant times we would have but there is no use in talking. One year from now we can all come home if we dont re enlist. if they do I am in for three years from last March. that would be gay wouldnt it. I hear Leon has filled her quota. I am glad of that. I hate to see any body drafted but this was a must carried on until those Rebels to to terms. if 500,000 cant do it get as many more.

You cant guefs what a pleasant trip I had the other day. I had charge of seventy wagons to take women & children to Rough & Ready, ten miles South of here, to meet the Rebs with a flag of truce to take them South. I had two principle sheets to transport. had to go into every house & hunt up the folks to day if they wanted to go. found fifteen families. quite a number of young ladies left at four & got there at twelve. found Johnies waiting for us. put the loads into their wagons & visited with them an hour or two, then went into park about two & slept under a wagon until sunrise, dreaming of Johnie Rebs dressed in grey & the fair ones going the other way. I have been about three hours writing the page. Lieuts William Camerron & others have been in & I have been telling till I have forgotten all about the letter; We are all well. Bill was down yesterday. Cel stays with me now, he is Comisary Sergeant (or acting). Atlanta is a nice place. I have been all over the city from east to west, North and South & in every alley; made a good many aquanintances among the inhabitants tho many of them say they will not work although they are half starved, I near saw such fools. Some of them are smart people. We exoect to get paid soon. lean but well.

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have nothing to day but hard tack or Bacon. I shall save my money if they dont get something to eat at the comisary. How does Eunice get along. give her my shoes if you can find them. How does Bill Maudrie get along. what is he doing. Otis is well, we are all very happy to learn that Re. E. Fenton has been nominated for governor. the Regt. will vote for him unanimsly. he has been a friend to the soldier, always ready to help him. Frant excuse this poorly written & will do better next time.

Yours as ever

Edgar Shannon

to Frant