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Headquarters 2d Div.  
Lookout Valley, Tenn.  
January 16, 1864

Dearest Lis,

This is the second letter I <sup>now</sup> saw by Dr. Day. I wrote one, two or three days ago expecting he would start the next day but by some unaccountable delay in his papers he has not yet gone and I write you again only to say that I am well as usual--that is, since my return here.

I have nothing new to say today only that the cars are running on the R. R. this side of Bridgeport somewhat irregularly as yet--but it has the promise of bringing us out to the world before long.

There is a rumor here that all the boys who were taken at Gettysburg are now at Annapolis, Md. I really hope it may prove true for the poor fellows must have suffered awfully from hunger and cold while in Belle Island.

All the boys are usually well.

Should you ever receive all my letters they will post you so far as we have taken any part in matters here.

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We have been informed that the Board of Supervisors of our County have raised funds to present one Regiment a stand of colors and the chairman of the committee having the matter in charge (Capt. Wm. Paul Johnson!!) has written down the names of the battles we have been engaged in so to have their names inscribed on the banner.

The matter was referred to General Howard who says we participated gallantly in the battles of "Chancellorville", Gettysburg, Lookout Valley and Chattanooga.

*Pavilion N. 4.*

Has the 64th Regiment - intitled as Veterans? I know of only one Regiment in the army whose term of service will allow them to re-enlist but that have done so! I should think such conduct in the part of the old soldiers would bring the shame to the men at home. If I am not better I shall endeavor to resign before the campaign opens in the spring. But whether I can succeed is somewhat of a question - medical officers are now let out of the service only on two conditions - viz - mental incapacity or physical disability. So you see my chances are somewhat promising on disability. I am very anxious to get home from this service and shall do so just as soon as there is a door open for me.

Hereafter until I write to the contrary address me as

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as I shall get my letters sooner and surer. Dr. Day will see you before he returns. With kisses for you and the children I am always your affectionate

Henry