

Rapahannock Station
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Dear Sister

I received your
letter to night & was glad
to hear from you again.
I thought I would answer your
letter to night for I know
you must be here soon &
want to hear from me
by this time. I am well
& am now laying here at
the station (as we had re-
call a station) there is not
a building in sight of
here all have burnt by a
man as the ^{by the} rule. But the
cars come up here every day
& then go back again to
Alexandria

There is no knowing how long
we shall stay here or how
soon we shall leave. We are
throwing up entrenchments & making
rifled pits just as though
they thought the Rebels were going
to attack us here. But our
"Lads" don't know any thing
only what we see.

I got a letter from Dan &
Feveretia the other day. They
say Lehas is with the Regt.
& all right he is an old
lucky arm. (Like you)

I wish I could pop in &
see you to night. I suppose
you would be glad to see
me. & I would like to see
you & all the folks first
rate. But it don't seem
but a little while since?

place at home. But I have
no doubt but what it
will pass a great while to you.
I may be at home again some
time if I have good luck &
my luck don't turn. I have
been ^{very} lucky to get home now.
But I think I shall see you
all yet. We have got a good
camp ground here & have
a plenty of rations more
than we ever got last year.
Old Col. Fuller & our
old quartermaster saved
us a half of our rations
last year. & the old
Dads are getting their pay
for it now. They are under
15000 dollar Bonds & the
report is that Old Fuller
is in states prison for 2
years. I hope it is so.

For the old Piki deserves it
we are cheated out of our
rations & he got the
profit of them. But we
have all we can eat now
& more too. I have not got
any guy yet. But I shall get
it next guy day. I can get
a long until then well
enough till I am paid.
I don't know what to think
of your going to 'Iarua'. I
am afraid you would not
start at there. But if I was
at home now, I don't know
but I would go there with
you. But for you to go there
with no ~~friend~~ except
Doc. Bruner's folks & then if
you should be sick you
would need some support
to fall back upon.

1 Wrote if I was at home
now I would go along
with you & then if we did
not like it we could
come back again. But then
you can do as you think
best. But if I was a school
marma & going there I would
it would want a Brother
or some ones friend to
go with me. (wouldn't you)

Tell Much Mynat that I
don't know what will cure
that disease if it is what
we call Va. (quick time)
I never have had it. But
a very little. But I have
seen those that were very
bad off with it & all
they had to do was to go
to the Hospital & either

die with it as get discharged
& the ~~best~~ remedy we have
for it is to "die" for we
can't get discharged. I
don't suppose he wants a
discharge does he?

"Die" is the only remedy a soldier
has for any disease that
is the quickest way to cure
a bad disease. When we
are Bay drummed here to
die we thought that would
be a good way to get out
of the next fight & then
we had 3 drummed here
since we came here

Maybe you didn't tell me
who that "Lieut." or "Paul" or
"Baw" or "something" was who
is he if he isn't a pedler?
I wonder if Manhouse got
my letter & wants return

I just came to the right.

Well Mother I don't
know but I have made
a hundred mistakes I should
like it was to see for
I can't. But if you are a
school master you can
beat it. Give my

respects to "Grandpa"
& "Granma" & "Uncle Asa"
& "Caroline" & "Mynat" & aunt
Mary & every body
whom I know there
or not & especially the
"Galls."

I hope Mynat &
Mary will be letters when
you get this & tell
them to write to me

Good Night Molly
Ald.

This is a rail good
letter. if you get
conscience you can not
drown & read this
& your mail get
over it

Good luck to you
"Malley" I hope you
want get rich
Write soon
I Day