

Camp of 54th N. Y.
Near Washington D. C.

May 18th / 65

Dear Sister Mary,

your letter of the
14th I gladly received last night while
I was writing to Sarah. I was glad to
hear from you that is the first letter
I have had from any one of you
Father said he would write mother
said she would and you told me
you surely would write would you
did not you was a good white about
it, if you dont write oftener to your
Duchman than you do to me I dont think
you care much for him, you are looking
for one to come home see you?
There is no need of that, you will look
in vain if you do. I dont believe they
will let the Nets go home every seven.
Old Stanton says the Nets must

stay and let the Sols and One
years men go home first then
if "Cishey Smith" dont send him to
had he will let the Vets go may be
if he gets drunk and gets a clean
fit on, and if not he will keep them,
We dont know what will be done
with us so we get up all kinds of ideas
of what will be our future destiny.
I hope it will be Home though.

We have got a splendid camp here
our whole "Brigade" lays here. But
I dont think we shall stay here long
the 23rd & 24th that "Grand review" is to
come off and we must March and
circumambulate around and through
Washington to glorify the exorcists
of some large "Big Bugs" that is to
say to come here and see us,
it looks splendid for folks to sit in
stalls and windows and see soldiers
march by. But not so easy for the
soldiers. It looks to them

as the Old Indian said (the earliest
thing in ones damn mind to see a white
man March). I am talking with Ed.

Meris and Santhwick our home guy
old times Ed. is Orchely Dan is Carp
and is General as I call him and I
am a high front in the rear rank

They are going to oust out all men
that times Expire before the first of
October and I shouldnt wonder if the
celebration never to break up the
Regt. and send the Vets into
"Handcuffs" Victorian Corps. we dont
know what will be done with us yet
if you see my wife you can tell
her you have heard from me and
I am well and would like to see
her very much. Have quite write
as soon as you can and tell me all
the news. Ab. W. H. Jones
owns up here with the other day
he sends his respects
Very respectfully yours
B. W. Jones
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