

Lookout Valley Tenn
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Dear ones at Home

With greatest pleasure I always take my pen in hand when I am going to communicate with those I love. I have just returned from hearing a good sermon and dont know when they will be calling on me for something

I am well and hope you the same. If you were here you would not know it were Sunday We are so buisy. I hear the 3d Div moves in the morning at 5 The Lord go with them and prosper them The weather is pleasant and every thing indicates that the whole Corps will soon be on the move

I have 5 Horses now and tomorrow I expect to have to go Chattanooga with turned over stock

Wild flowers are beautiful and Fruit is forward and soon the Order will be forward I expect too

I recieved a letter from Uncle Daniel yesterday and the more I hear from him the more I like him and the more I want to see him. I hope you are all in the full enjoyment and appreciation of Health and the comforts of Peace and may the time soon come when I can think my toils are over that is of marching and fighting for home & a country

Forest trees are very green and the shade is very inviting

Our Corps Badge is a star the div are known by the color of the badge

There is little doing that is uncommon or exciting to the Soldier but I dont doubt but they would be interesting to one who never saw preparations going on for the moving of an army and I dont know where to begin to explain the thing so I find it some perplexing to find what to write about but the summing up of the whole thing is that they are turning all the poor stock that is unserviceable and as for Chaley he looks some what as he used to though somewhat changed by the climate with a light Moustache and a good bit of Hair on his chin for a boy only 20 and the rest of his face would be decidedly improved by the application of a razor and some times soap and water makes an improvement

I hope Frank's surplus hair is thriving and he has eaten enough since I have left home to fill up those sallow cheeks as full as mine though I am not very fleshy but in (good order) and I hope the Lord will be as mindful of me in the future as he has been in the past and I shall be content. You may all make up your minds that all love that is sent me is fully appreciated and returned with interest 10 pr cent and more

But I must close write soon your Affectionate Son and Brother
Charley
and give my love to all
Charley

one year ago tonight the rebs were trying the range of their guns on us and
one year tomorrow about this time-----Remember Chancellorsville