

Near the RR Bridge over the C.
Sept 1st 1864

Dear Ones at Home

I take the greatest pleasure "although I am very tired" in writing you this eve We have moved back from our position so near the City and are at the RR near where it crosses the Chattahoochie I am well and have been hard at work since Sunday morning making preparations to recieve 400 raw Mules we are settling down for a considerable standstill by the looks of things--but from all I can learn our Corps is isolated from the rest and is guarding the Cumberland Dept. Trains while the rest of the troops are "up to some thing" I reckon The Lord is good to me and I sincerely desire to be his entirely but I find the "Old man Adam" often in the way But still I find that sweet promise the same "My grace is sufficient for thee" and I have been reading some of those precious promises in the same Bible I had presented to me Dec 25/1853 "It, I hope and believe is still a Lamp to my feet and a light to my path" and I pray it may ever be

I am still in the Correll tending the extra horses and mules

It is rather queer I do not recieve your letters they are not at the Regt there is some mistake somewhere when they do come they are truly acceptable I have yours of Aug 15 before me and gladly look it over thinking of you Our army had A nearly surrounded but the Johnnies had impregnable works so Billy Sherman is up to something else I rather think Lee did send some troops to A but how many I do not know 2 Divisions they report There are several bands in hearing and they do a great deal towards breaking the monotony of the evenings

Please send me some Tribunes and N.Y. Heralds if they can be had at a reasonable price I want to see the other side of the question as it stands Union & the Constitution not Union on what one man says I do not mean to have the papers sent all at once but from time to time send a copy of each when you get this Please send some more paper & Envelopes as these are playing out but they are the source of a good deal of comfort to me I assure you I do not know but I am in a fair way to find out the whereabouts of Mr Hartstone when I do I will let you know

I wouldn't wonder if the Pay master gave us a call before long then "How are you green Backs"

There is much that excites our minds regarding the coming election but we hope for the best and Pray for a speedy and happy issue of the war and a close in favor of Union & the Constitution Peace on earth & good will to men

My Love to all

Please send what is asked for and have it well secured so that they will not easily guess what papers they are and write soon and think often as I know you do of

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Your Affectionate Son

Charlie

direct Head Quarters

20 AC

care of chief QM

please send stamped Envelopes