Dear ones at Home

Your very kind letter of the 8 & 10th came safe to hand yesterday I am still enjoying good health and Sanctuary privileges for which I try to be truly thankful but Oh! how imperfect I find this poor heart when I try to think how near I try to come up to the requirements of the Gospel and see how far I fall short

To day I heard a good sermon preached from Luke 9th Chap. 61 & 62 verses and this afternoon I went to Sabbath school at the Methodist Church It was so much like home.

For a number of days it has rained every day and the move I told you that we were going to make <u>was a miserable failure</u> Wagons, Mules, and I hear some lives were lost but I cant get much of an account of it. But to night the rain is pouring down

I was ordered with my Ambulance to Genl Slocum's Hd Qrs the morning they started and we did not get started so I was all right while Genl W's train was Wallowing in the mud. I hear we leave Tuesday though on transports but it is to me only a Rumor as yet. Augusta seems to be my <u>Idea</u> of the direction they are talking. Since I have come to S. I have formed an acquaintance with a family which (when I am in their company) makes me feel more at home than any other spot I have seen since I left that <u>dear Roof</u>.

The Husband & Father is a <u>Brute</u> of a man and does not live at Home but the Lady of the house Mrs Harriss is her name is a nice good woman. I can go there and spend an evening in a social chat to much more advantage to me than spending my time and money at these museums and Theatres. Many of the Ladies are Bitter Rebs but she is (at Heart) true to the Old Banner

If it was not so hot here in the Summer I would like to stay here the Ballance of my time. But as it is as far as I can I shall go where I am ordered and try to trust to one who cares for me and whose word is the <u>Law of the Universe</u>

I still sleep in my ambulance but the Ambulance is under shelter now in a Livery stable

The citizens say that they have known these storms to last six weeks at a time. I pray we may be successful and bring the war to a speedy termination though God's own time is the time that it will take to close it

Many of the poor have been greatly benefitted by the supplies sent from Boston and N.Y. and they owe a great deal more to the Yankees than I guess they like to acknowledge but then a good deed is <u>never</u> lost sight of by our heavenly father and they have their rewards

Since we have come into the City I have not had any potatoes tho I have had plenty of something else. Apples sell for \$1 pr Dozen

I do not anticipate having a chance to get any nick nacks from Home this year so please do not send under any false report with guess work as to its reaching me

Pardon Poor writing and give my kindest regards to all

[January 22, 1865 continued]

Yours ever Truly Charlie Hd Qrs 20 AC care of C.Q.M.

good night God Bless you all

Did any of you learn the whereabouts of Mrs W. V. R. Blighton (cousin Mary) If so please let me know