

Camp of the 154<sup>th</sup> Regt April 29<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Dear Wife

Your welcome letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst is to day read and I hasten to answer it I was glad to here from you as I always am you sa that my letters are a great Pleasure to you and I doe not doubt it for I will know how it is with your letters to me and I am going to write as often as it is possible and you must doe the same by me your letter I see is number 6 so they have all ben read if you remember it is just 8 Weeks <sup>yesterday</sup> since I left home and you have written 6 times to me well that is not verry bad if you will keep rite on but I think I am a little a head yet and I but no matter I have more time to spare than you doe I am well as common all only a good deal lonerom the boys are all out on picket and it is verry lonely in camp I had a letter from Goodrich a day or two ago they are all well but Mother and she is getting along slowly

he sent me his likeness but it is not  
a very good one it got rubbed before  
the varnish was dry but still it looks  
very well he says he will send his and  
Phebes together before long I wish I had  
yours and the childrens they would be  
a great comfort to me in many a  
lonely one but you have promised them  
so long that I am afraid they will  
not come but when I get Ray which  
will be in a few days then you must  
fork over or I shall be after you  
with a sharp stick and no mistake  
I dont see any prospect of our  
leaving here as yet but cant tell  
we may go soon tell Cap Cheney  
that I Rickard, C. E King, and B. F.  
Phillips are back in the Co. Harrae Smith  
is in the Hospital at Baltimore he is well  
the Boys are all taken away from Richmo<sup>nd</sup>  
and are at Americus Georgia, that is all  
that are now in the hands of the rebs  
George H Davidson and James M<sup>r</sup> Farling  
wer sent home sick some time ago

Ballyhens Commission came yesterday  
Hank Martin is Captain and Elsworth  
the Orderly of Co K is now a Lt that  
is all the news that I can think of at  
presant - tell Orrin that I am obliged  
to him for his letter it was first rate  
and he must write again as soon as  
he can I will write to him soon  
but I must close for I dont know  
as you can read this it is written  
on a canter and full of mistakes  
and blunders but good by for this  
time I remain as ever your own  
affectionate Husband  
Ambrose 15

Shatie H. Arnold