

all to Mr. Julius Longhons, Plato, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y.

Chattanooga Oct 21. 64

Dear Brother

I have ones more an opportunity to write to you and i am happy to say that I am all wright yet and not only myself but all the rest of our Otto boys are in good health. I suppose you know that to day is my birthday i should like to be in Otto to day just on account of my birthday but I shall have a good deal of fun here after dinner I am going down town with W Perkins and W Laing and we mean to have a good time. last monday I and 24 others were send of about 10 miles east of Chattanooga to guard some cattle their number was 2.200 all steers day time they are drove of to feed and at night they are drove in to a pen and then we soldiers have to guard them through the night to keep the rebels from taking them while we were going over last monday we saw 4 milks cows not far from the road so I and 3 others stayd and drove them in a corner and I take my tin cup and milkt them while the others kept them in the corner we 4 had all the milk we could drink and all we wanted in our coffee the following morning after we was of from guard I and 2 others went of till we come to a corn field there we found some squash we take them to our camp and boild them on our way back we found some chestnuts and walnuts. We ar waiting

here to have the road open from here to Atlanta which
the rebels have tore up. I suppose you have had some snow
there before this time we have not seen any signs of snow
here it is warmer here now as it was there when we left.
I will not write any more now for the boys are going to have
a game of ball before dinner and they want me to play with
them. write soon or if you think that you cant write get
Augusta to write for you. Write all the news and write who
was drafted in Otto and Cllicottville in Otto *i mean for the
malitia perhaps I am drafted but I think I shall get
clear of the draft I should like to hear how you and
Gould are getting long with the work.

give my best respects to all our folks and allos give
my best respects to Augusta and Tell her to write to me.
allos give them to her folks and her brother when you write
send me 1 or 2 postage stamp for they cost 3 cent a
piece and I shall soon be out of them

Adress to

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Co. B 154 Regt N. Y. Vols

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Co. H. 154 Regt N. Y. Vols
2 Brig 2 Div. 20 A. Corps
Army of Georgia

Atlanta Ga., Nov. 5. 1864

Dear Brother

I am glad to say that your letter dated the 23 Oct. reached here all safe this morning and I was surprised to read about the mairage for I did not expect it so soon. about them boots I left them and the shirt in Wm Jones his store in the corner behind the Counter and told him to let you have them and he said he would. And R. Lincoln agreed with me to take the Bonds and give father a note of 650. dollar now you must talk with Lincoln about it and you will find it all right I supposed father knew all about the Bonds you want me to send my likeness, that I can not do just now for we cant have them taken here now. The weather has been quiet raining and chilly for two days but to day it is verry pleasant we have good shanties that is we call them good they are made of boards wich we tore of the houses they mad like a penrooste or a temperare pigpen but they are better then a cloth tent. John Fisher and I visit each other quiet often our shanties are about 10 rods apart last night I was to his tent and we was talking about old times we enjoy our selfs verry well I have a grate deal better times then I expected so far I am tuff and verry healthey and I am growing fat every day. Truman Kinman John Chadey J. Buchannon J. Therfer have gone to the hospital quiet and W. Laing Tent with me they are well jet and so are the rest of the Otto boys except them 4. I suppose you have had cold fingers more then onces

digging those potatoes and husching Corn. we dont do such
work now we dont do any thing onley drill 3 times a day
1 hour at a time write soon and write all the news and
if you know any thing about the 9th N Y Cavalry write about
it. for I have not heard anything about them and let
me know about the Bonds and where Henry Mirrow is and
tell him to write to me soon and all about what he is doing
give my best respects to father and mother and all the rest
of the folks there. give my best respects to Zebine and
Louise and tell them, I wish them a happy and joyfull
time, and tell them that I wish they would write to me.
for it does a soldier good to have a letter from old
Chattanooga I have wrote 2 letters to father and this
makes 4 wish I have wrote to you and I have just one
anser write soon and direct to

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if directed so it will come all right we will
more soon we may move east further

The U. S. Christian Commission,
sends this sheet as the Soldier's Messenger to his home,
~~Let~~ let it haste to those who wait for tidings.

~~C~~ General Sherman's Army
154 Regt. 2 Div. 20 Army Corps
Jan. th 22 1865

Dear Brother

I agin take the pen and write, to let you know that I am well yet. I have waited a long while for a letter from but it fails to come. the 20th of last month I wrote 4 letters and send them together for that was the first time we had any chance to send a letter ~~in~~ 4 weeks on account of the march, yesterday I received an answer to one of them, but I have not heard from the one I send to father, I wish you wold write soon and write as often as ones a weak amongst you wether I write or not. We ar in Savannah yet it was one month yesterday when we reached this place it is a vary pleasant place, we have been doing provost duty in the city, untill yesterday we had to guard the houses stores and warehouses, the warehouses are full of cotton they are shipping it of every day, there are a good many boats, going and coming to this city. I go and see them come in about every day, there are lots of Oysters here I have had several meals of them. We think here the rebs are about whiped for they wont wait to give Sherman battle any more they left this place in a grate hurry, before fighting at all and left all their cannons in their forts, the weather is warm yet, we have had but a little rain, except the other day we had a ^{va'ry} ~~very~~ hard thunder shawers, but now it has been quiet rainy for the last 3 days we have not seen any snow yet our Otto boys are mostly in the hospital. Larkins and W. Laing

are in this city hospital and I dont know where Leach. Buchanan
Therter and Cady are, they went back from Atlanta, we hear that
their will be another draft at if their is it will make some fellows
hop. O. I. have for got to tell you T. Keinman and Perkins are well
no 3 are the only ones with the Regt. of the Otto boys. How are you getting
along with your work this winter how are the cattle and Jim
have you got fodder enough tell ~~Henry~~ Henry to take good care
of Jim. I have send a few lines to father to have them send
some things in a box but I have heard since that their wont be
no boxes sent down here if that is so you of course wont send any
and we can get along without them. Write soon and all the
news and ~~of~~ after this dont wait for an answer from me for
we are sometimes where we cant send no letters but can receive
them if they are sent give my best respects to all and to Will.
Fred and Charles. Wishum and tell them I would like to have
them write to me, tell erve body that inquires for me to write to
me for I like to hear from home often how is Shults gettin
along this winter hi know shut the door.

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Army of Georgia

Raleigh N.C. April 29th

Dear Brother

I wrote to you day before yesterday and told you that we had left Raleigh and had gone towards Johnsons army, well yesterday morning we started back again and we are now in our old camp again Johnson has surrendered his entire army to Gen. Sherman, we will start our march for Richmond tomorrow morning which is on our way home, from there we will go to Washington and then home I think it will take us 30 days to go to Washington there we will be mustered out and sent home I think it will take us from 2 to 3 month to get home some of the boys think we will get home by the fourth of July, I hope we will but I am afraid we wont, to day is the last time we can send out mail untill we get to Richmond or Washington, so you wont hear from me again till we get to hi. I think we will have a sweatey and dusty time on the march for it is very hot now. I like those berries very much. I had some pancakes and berries for my brakfast I think I shall have some for my dinner The berries will last me a good while there is no use of writing any more for I can tell it better when I get home I give my best respects to all my old acquaintances and tell them I am as well as ever and will soon be home I shall be on the way tomorrow. Perkins and Hinman are well yet, best respects to you all, hope you are all as well as I am

John Longhons
Raleigh N.C.

Camp of the 154th N. Y. S. Vols
near Washington May 28th 1865

Dear Brother

As I have nothing to do I thought I would once more write to you. I have not wrote on a good while I didn't know ~~if~~ wether it was best ~~or~~ or not I did not know but our Corps might be all broken up before you could answer my letter. I received your letter dated may the 19th. This soon. I have had 2 from you before this that I have not answered so I thought I would answer this. it is not necessary for me to write any war news or about the close of the war for you have long heard of it, there is no need of my writing much anyhow for I shall soon be home myself. We left Raleigh N.C. the last day of April and past through Richmond may the 11th. we past through some good country the folks was hoeing corn when we past through the country around Richmond and the grain was mostly all headed out, apples and peaches were quite large, straw berries are ripe, we had a grand review in Washington last Wednesday it was a grate time I wish you could have seen us that day, there were a good many people in the city. the sidewalks, trees and housetops on the street through which we marched were crowded full, the people gave us a hearty welcome as we past through the street, such spitting of hands such waving of handkerchifs and such cheering as they made I never heard before the Ladies had prepared all kinds of flowers which they give to us as we past them, we are waiting here now to have our discharge papers made out I think we shall be to home by the 4 of July. You

have been writing about the nice times you have had at
the parties and dances, but never mind I shall make
all that up. maby I was laying in some mud hole
about those times down in S.C. but that is all forgotten
now, we are now in a good and dry place beside the
railroad, about 4 miles from Washington. tell mother to
have a strawberrey shortcake ready for me to eat
when I get there. Mr. Mason was here today. give my
best respects to all and tell them I am well. I had a
letter from Wease a good while ago but I have not
answered it, tell him I can tell him all the news by
and by, and give him my best respects write soon I shall
look for an answer next sunday it dont like mail
long to come to us now the dried apples and socks I got
all right

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Washington D.C.

Camp near Washington D.C.
Jun. 9th 1865

Dear Brother

It is just a month ago today when we left East Otto, when we then looked ahead it looked rather dark, but things look better now, since then we have made a great circle in the United States and have seen many a hard day or night, but still I have seen lots of good times and I have had lots of fun, I would not have missed this chance for 1,000 doll. The people of the south was much surprised when they see us marching through there, for they thought we never could do it and another thing the reb. soldiers had told them great yarns about us. They had told them that the Yankees had horns on their heads but they found it was not so. One instance I remember, it was the time we took Raleigh, when we marched through the city a boy remarked and said why I have stood here all this time and see the Yankees pass, but I have not seen one with any horns on yet to which one of our boys remarked and told him, that he had seen some which had had horns — (horns of whiskey) of course and the rebs had told the darkey we would kill them all but they were all glad to see us they stood in crowds of 10 to 30 all along the road. all those seems we have passed, and are now in camp about 4 miles north of Washington, side the railroad, troops are passing here every day for home. I guess we shant be home, not till the week after next, we have nothing to do at all and plenty to eat such as it is,

and we have what we call here, a good bed to sleep
on, a few leaves & rubber blankets to lay on and a
knapsack for my pillow I recieved your letter today
about 2 o'clock. I think the straw fibres will be ripe
by the time I shall gett home they have been ripe long
ago here I am as well as ever so is Willie but Tom is
again in the hospital he will be discharged there give
my best respects to all who may inquire after me
and tell them I would soon be home and I shall
make up all that I lost in the last 9 month I have
been promoted to Corporal May the first I guess
you had better write again, for I don't believe I
should get the letter best respects to all

This is from
your Brother
John Longhorn
Washington
D.C.