

Camp at Lookout Valley Tenn.
Feb. 21st 1864

Dear Parents

As Stephen Wyant has got his Papers I will send a letter by him and \$18 and a package of old Letters that you can lay up for me. I have received your letter of Feb. 11 and one from Nettie Perkins. I received your letter yesterday and the two Bags of dried fruit today. The weather is fine and pleasant we have an inspection this morning and I have just came in from Church a member of the Christian Commission delivered an interesting sermon. All is quiet as usual Augustus is writing considerable to day as well as myself. Henry Wulff is all right John Dicher was here to day he is as lively and tough as ever Martin Pratt I suppose is at Bridgeport in the Convalescent Camp. we are still in camp near Gen. Hookers Headquarters. You think we would hate to leave our quarters after we have them fixed comfortable well it is rather perplexing but we are something like Bees. when a part of their work is torn down they will build again. so it is with us. we have fixed comfortable quarters four times but then this is all (Military as the boys say) In the Package is my old Diary, a hard tack, Cartrige and some pieces of Rock from the Cave under Lookout Mountain also a horse Chestnut. I put in the Ring that Aunt Laura gave me I have worn it so much that the Plating is coming off. I will not send but eighteen dollars this time, for there is a Dentist in our Regiment and I have five teeth that need filling (the price here is one dollar a filling) Martha wants a lock of my hair I will send it in this. I sent three Rebel Buck shot. the rebel Ball could not have got out of the Paper without its being torn & opened it was made similar to the Minnie Ball, only it was smooth instead of being ridged at the but. I sent a letter day before yesterday. you can take out of the Money what you paid for the Pen, Magazine, Stamps &c. the rest you can dispose of as well as you can. you can send me the first "Agriculturalist" and if I want more sent I will write

Marshall

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