

It is a long time Frank Cole  
since I saw I would like to hear from him  
Alec Storer is at Sonastelle yet

Camp of 157th N.Y. Vols  
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Dear Mother

It is Sunday and thinking perhaps  
you would like to hear from your soldier boy  
I will improve a portion of the day in writing to you  
I don't expect to write any thing very entertaining  
but I can say that I am alive and well and  
have plenty to eat drink and wear which will probably  
be of as much interest as any thing I can think of to day  
The sanitary condition of the Regt is good at present  
there are but few complaining and the sickness is the  
prevailing disease but it don't keep the men from  
doing duty I guess that I am about the worst case  
in the Regt my limbs from my knees down to my  
feet are all covered with swelling sores and have  
been so for two months past but it don't make me  
sore any and I feel as well as I ever did in my life  
and my appetite is very craving it don't seem as though  
it could be satisfied with eatables The change is  
caused in say the doctor for want of regularity

My love to Henry & his Wife and all my remaining friends  
with you see I shall you can tell her that I am well and doing as well as will

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we get rationed of soft bread now every day which is very  
good and makes some change in our diet and it  
satisfies well after being confined to hard bread  
so long a time as we have been on this summers  
campaign I tell you grandma it has been a hard one  
and one of a great many exposures and some have  
breath escapes I have been under the enemy's fire  
for 125 days or more within the last 5 months and some  
days the bullets and shells flew pretty thick if I knew  
myself especially the days I am about to mention what  
are as follows the charge on Rocky Sued Ridge where  
by the 15<sup>th</sup> led the charge and lost nearly half its  
whole number the supporting column failing to come  
up in time we was repulsed with fearful loss and that  
after we had gained the top of the hill if our support had  
come up in time the hill would have been ours without  
fail our next charge was at Sraca May 15<sup>th</sup> our Regt  
was the supporting party and consequently our  
loss was light only two wounded in Company C  
and then May 23 the battle of Star Hope Church  
the 15<sup>th</sup> the supporting column again and our loss

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the 154<sup>th</sup> the fighting column again and on the

was I wounded in company B then June 15<sup>th</sup> we was  
sent and as skirmishers in the charge of Fort Knott  
in this affair we lost upwards of 31 men in about 15 minutes  
I thought that was picking them off pretty fast the bullets  
and pretty close to me that day and there was one man  
of my company wounded behind the same tree that I  
was behind but I happened to get to the tree first so I was  
less exposed than the man that was wounded. I was at  
that time some 5 rods in advance of the rest of our line  
and it was a little farther in advance than I care about  
being again then came the Battle of Hornsaw  
Duns crossroads Peach Tree Creek & the Siege of Atlanta  
all of which the 154<sup>th</sup> took a conspicuous part and always  
took the lead I am glad to have seen you & all the fighting  
& care about but I haven't received a scratch this summer  
and the closest I ever have of a ball coming to me  
was in the fight of the 20<sup>th</sup> of July at Peachtree Creek  
there was a musket ball passed through my trousers  
but it done no damage farther than to break up  
my horse's cracker I shall feel pretty well at least  
if they don't come any closer than that for one year  
to come if I am spared another year I shall feel  
satisfied that I have done my duty to my country  
and served it faithfully and I hope the war will end with

with my person of service if not he wishes it I will  
to see what day that I can return to my home to dwell  
in peace the remainder of my days till I can be free  
or among my mother I want you to keep a watchful  
care over Julia and advise her the best way to get  
along and to be prudent and saving of her money and to  
put it to the best possible use and see that she wants  
for nothing to make her comfortable if I have my  
health I shall send her money enough to provide for  
her easy want by putting it to proper use I expect  
pay in a very few days and then I can send her one  
a hundred Dollars <sup>my wages</sup> a month and it ought to support her  
and pretty well without any home rent to pay she wrote  
to me a spell ago that Jane and Ann were going  
out to her father and that she wanted to go with them  
I hardly think it best but advise her to do just what  
you think would be for the best I expect it is pretty hard  
for her to live there alone and for my part I am very  
willing she should go to see her folks but it was a frailty if  
she goes out there she will spend all her money and come back with  
out any thing to live on until I send her some more so it grieves  
my heart to leave my country but I love my family better than I  
love my own life for this life never could have no real enjoyment  
for me without my family and if I live to come home again I  
shall lose out in taking Julia to see her folks but I'll be  
getting late and I have got other duties to attend to for I am officer of  
the day to day and I have had business a plenty on hand for one day  
Goodby Your affectionate Son in Law A. L. Scutt

Henry's his wife and all engaging friends