

Sanitary Commission
Carver Hospital May 24th/63

Dear Frant

I received your letter in due time & was very glad to hear from you; I got one from Bill the same time. He is well & in good spirits & thinks he shall stay there now you needn't think I helped him any. If I did tell him to stay, it was all his own doings. Don't blame him any. You see Frant I can tell who my friends are they don't forget to write. I got a letter from our folks yesterday. They are well no news from Leon. It was the first letter I had from home in six weeks. I began to think they were all dead, or gone to war; which is about the same in a long run; (don't you think so) unless one happens to get hit in the arm & goes to a hospital. Our folks say come home, come home. I told them to look for me when I come, which would probably be after the war was over, but our doctor said he would give me a chance to go before the board to get a furlough in two or three days; soon as those he has promised go. I may get one & I may not, I shant cry whichever way it is; wouldn't wonder if I got one. I shall if possible I'm just patriotic enough, you know. I might as well be at home thirty or forty days as to be here, I don't know as I should fare much better than I do here, have a whole room full of books, paper & magazines. I read most of the time; & it makes me sweat to do that but then we have plenty of ice water & a fan, so we manage to get along; after my three years are up, I'm game to enlist during life because I shall be so lasy I shant be good for anything at any time else.

I have not heard from the regiment lately there were twenty-three missing and wounded out of our Co. & only eighteen left in Co. ___ the Co. that Mart & True are in. I went down to the city the other day & visited the Capitol Institute & Patent office, they are grand beyond anything I ever conceived & they all are there is to Washington that amounts to much, I was tired out when I got back I am going again when I get my pay; I am out of money, nothing new for a soldier, guess we'll get paid this week. Frant I'm glad you're as patriotic as ever, I am too you must not think I mean all I say in this letter (allow a out these thirds) write soon, & remember me as your ever true friend Edgar. R.E. Fenton clerk was up here & he franked three or four letters for me. He is great for franking. I see he has franked you (instead of Frant)