

Staffords Station
March 30th 1863

Dear Father and Mother

it is with pleasure that I take my seat to answer your letter of the 22nd and was very glad to hear that your are getting so much better I am as well as common I believe although I have some cough. Wesley is well he is out on Fatigue Duty building cordoroy road. we have not moved yet but I think that we will move as soon as the weather will permit we seem to think we are going farther south to spend the summer but we cannot tell. There is not much news here going on I do not hear any thing more from Uncle Isaiah. I received a letter from Aunt Frank since I wrote my other letter they were all well well Uncle Jesse is Salesman in a Straw goods Establishment. She said that she would like very much to have me visit if I was fortunate to get home and I am going to try and go that way home and see her and Uncle. I am glad to hear that you have a milch cow how much milk does she give how are the cattle coming out this Spring.

Govoner Curtin of Penn. was here the other day to see the Penn troops the went out and cheered him there is two Penn Regts in our Brigade and there is others laying near us. I have not much to write we get no more pay yet but we are expecting that we shall get it within a short time. We go out most every day lately and fire our guns at Target we shoot about 60 or 70 rods at a Target the size of a man I hit it once out of three times firing. we will go out again to day I suppose. Well I shall have to close for it is almost time for the mail to go out. Enclosed you will find the one side of a pin cushion I send it to Ella and now Ella you must fix it and make it as nice as you can and keep it to Remember you Brother James by. O Mother I came near forgetting Aunt Frank said I must give her best respects to you and Pa in my letter. I have not got an answer from Grandpa yet. Well Edwin I will send you the answer to your Enigma. General Schuyler. I will make one and send it to you in my next if I have time. Well I must close for this time so good by to you all at present. from your affectionate Son,

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