

March 1st 1863

Camp near Salmoth Va.

Dear Father and mother

I embrace the present opportunity,

To answer your Letter which came
to hand yesterday Evening it found me
in moderate health I was Glad to hear from
you for it had been about six weeks since I heard
from home I thought some of you was very sick
or something had the matter or you would of got
I only got one letter from you while I was at
the Convalescent Camp and I think I wrote 3 or 4
letters home the letters I sent by Allen Bucklew
was the 13th letter I had sent home from the
Convalescent Camp I am Glad that Mary got her
present that I sent her but I am sorry that Annabelle
did not get her ring I did not put the ring in any
letter but I give the ring to Allen and told him
to give the ring to Annabelle as he said Annabelle
was coming to Oakland in a few days and he
said he could just give the ring to her and I gave
it to him and told him to do so.

Just ask Allen Bucklew for the ring for he has
it and I know it and make him give it to you
for I want her to have the ring.

You told me that Richard Was married
but Did not tell me whom he married

I hope he has a nice woman for a wife and
I hope he may make a good living for himself and wife
if you see them tell them I wish them much Joy
and tell them to write to me

I am sorry to hear of Sunbells being sick
but tell her to keep in good heart and it will be
all rite some Day the reason why I Did not get my
Discharge when I was examined by the board there
had been an order from Washington received
by the Board to Discharge no more Soldiers from the
Continent unless they were so Disabled or wounded

as to Disabel them for the field or for any Duty whatever
and this order was made on account of so many Soldiers
getting their Discharge and going to Washington City and
getting Drunk and then saying there was nothing the matter
with them that they had fooled the Doctors, &c
if I had of got examined when Jacob Elzy was I
would of been Discharged but I am satisfied as it is as long
as I keep my Health although I should like to see you
all again but I hope we can all get home before long
we expect to get paid off this month and I shall send
you some money home and that will help you along
Some all I ask of you is to put it to as good use
as you can and that I have no Doubt you will
Do I suppose Richard will have to use his money now

To Keep his own family

I think I will Draw Six months pay and I
will send you just as much as possible

What Do you think of Doing with the
home place when you move on the base farm

I suppose you will rent it to some person that hasent
anery large capital I I did not get the letters Annabelle
and allex sent me I should of been Glad to of got them
you must all Do the best you can and I will
Come Home Just as soon as I can and I hope

that wont want be long I will tell the soldiers of
the Diarhea hedison and tell you how it Dose

Tell Mary and Annabelle that I have run to rite

any to them an I would rite but I will rite to
them hereafter Give my Best respects to all
enquiring friends Rite soon as you receive this letter
we Dont expect to leave here for some time

I must Close for the present hoping this letter may find
you all in Good health and spirits I Stice Remains
your Son till Deat.

Wm G Duffey

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Elisabeth Jefferys

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