



PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE FORTIFICATIONS AROUND WASHINGTON. Published by Charles Magnus, New York.

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Dear Ma: Your kind and welcome letter was received by me to day and I having a few moments to spare I take this opportunity of answering it. We have not moved our Camp since last you heard from me but I do not believe we will stay where we are long as the place is very unhealthy owing to the ground being so damp. The weather has been very disagreeable for the last 2 or 3 Days as it has rained most all the time making it very disagreeable. Yet there is not a murmur of dissatisfaction from any one of us as we know our General is doing all he can for us and each and every one of us loves him. And when the order comes to fall in we will do it with promptness for he will lead us either to have victory planted on our noble and pretty Flag or to death he will not sacrifice more lives than is ^{say} need.

and we love him for it - I am in good health and have been since last you heard from me I am all so in good health & spirits: as we have plenty of Provision as that ^{could} has been righted when we was short of Provision we ^{used} to draw it from the Division Quartermaster but now we have our own Wagons and draw it our selves from Shipping Point - which is about 11 miles from where we are stationed the Army has built a ^{very} good road to that place making it quite convenient for us I will tell you what a Corduroy road is it is built of logs laid close together a dirt ^{is} thrown over the logs but as it has rained a good deal out here there is very little dirt left on it - but they are very good compared to the roads they have in the State of Virginia We are working night and day to get every thing in preparation to give the Rebels a warm reception Rebels is to good a name to call the leaders of this Rebellion in my estimation if we are to believe all we hear and read about the Deluded People of the South. but some of acts of them down where we are makes me think there is nothing but what they would not do the other day they shot one of Smiths Pickets and after wounding him there was 7 or 8 of them forced

a volley of musketry in to his head but some of them paid the forfeit of their lives for it - a well they deserved it - in my estimation a man will sooner forgive himself to fire on a Picket is a murderer of the blackest dye Yesterday in the 85 Regiment there was 1 man killed and one ^{wounded} and in the 98 Pennsylvania Regiment there was 3 killed while on Picket duty these Regiments is both in our Brigade but so far we have been fortunate not to lose a man this is one of the beautifullest countries I ever was in the Trees growing to a ^{dist-} tremen size and there is some of the nicest farms I ever saw It is a shame that it is left to go to waste but so it is and such is war I am glad to learn that my letter was received by Edmund as I felt quite anxious about it and as I had been quite sick all though I told John to tell you nothing about it it must worry you considerable I am considerable disappointed in not getting my pay before this but that will be writ in a very short time I did not hear the loss Thomas had with east Pa so much money and as you have told me of it it will live and opening to me to show my devotion to you all I will send all the money on I can to John as quick as I get my

money deducting what little I owe the Engine
Co out of it - and Pa can git it. Dear Ma you speaks
of the Germanish at Lees Mills as being so disagreeable
to our side tis true we lost some men there but such
is the fate of war but we have the prodda satisfaction
of knowing the men aetial noble and the Gatterners has
men to content againsts and not Cowards as they
represent - us to be God Knowes there has been a great
meny lives lost in this unholy and unnatural war
Tis true the People of the North has suffered some but
Ma I have seen cases witeh all most made me cry
in Virginia I went to a house to bye some Flower
and there I saw a ~~site~~ that I hope I may never see
a gains There was 2 old women 1 young woman he had
3 small children and not a mouth full to eat - letterly
starving to death what little they had was stobed from
them but this is onely one case in a thousand what is
in Virginia. I am sorry very sorry to learn that you have
been so sick and hope and pray you may soon regain your health
but Ma I beseech you do not worry or over task
Your self for you must recerlect - you are getting old
and not able to do much now I have read your kind
letter over and over and it makes me feel I have some
thing to live for if the Gods of battles so decreas
that I should come out safe and sound though
this impending battles Pray do not give way to
your feelings as it will onely make you sick
and will do you no good in the end. tis true Anna
Louisa can not be with you much now and I know at -