

Left Grand Division Camp near Palmyra Virginia Jan 10th 1863

Dear Parents-

With pleasure to me I take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same I received your letter dated on the 21st of last month and I assure you I was glad to hear from you all. I also received the 3 Papers you sent me through your kindness which I thank you for. I have verry little to tell you of in the way of News. as our Army is on a stand still the weather has been beaunterfull since we recrossed the river up to to day now it is raining and I think it is the beginning of a big storme. yet I hope not.

You say that Pa. can not draw that money with out Johns signerture. There may be such a thing that his wife can draw it if so I wish she would as Pa. can you the money if it can not be done that way. I would git John to write on to you about it. that is if you hear from him. It may be such a thing that John has been ordered to Vicksburg if so it will be some time before you will be able to hear from him. as every thing seems

to be very active in that quarter. I have heard of
the victory which General Rosecrans has gained over
the Rebels and I thank God for it - for it is just what
we wanted to cheer us up a little for every thing looked
dark for our cause. yet that Victory has caused
Thousands of lives. yet such is war. and we can not help
it. Oh how I would like to be home out of this storm
sitting around a nice pleasant fire and I hope I will
be before a great while. for I am sick and tired of this
war. Yet I scorn to do a dishonest act.

I was appointed a Sergeant in our Company and I
will send to you my warrant as quick as I can
The boys have every thing they could wish for
ownly. Tobacco which is very scarce. I wish you could
send me some but it carries to much to do so
I was glad to receive that letter of Thomas and it
was read with pleasure by me I wrote a letter to
Edmund the other day which I hope he received
I have very little more to say at present
ownly that I am well and in quite good spirits
and hope these few lines will find you the
same Give my love to all the members of the
Family all to to Phebe and her children.

so now hoping you will excuse this short
note from me this time I will close by sending
my love to you.

Your with respects
Wm P. Alcott

P. S.

Write as soon as you can and

Obliged
W. A.