

Guerra Vista Mexico

Dear Mother,

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1847.

As I am about mailing some letters for the state. And as I am so extremely anxious to hear from you I have to drop you line to inform you I am well and sincerely hope this may find you enjoying every thing that may make you happy. I must assure that it is not a day's passage that does not bear to mind. Your self, the many ties and trials of your own, which frequently cause me to wish my self with you, when I would not otherwise. Nowing that my absence from you might frequently be a source of some pleasure to you could I change to being present with you. And this I am sure five thousand miles from you I am glad to inform <sup>you</sup> I enjoy a reasonable portion of happy ness of mind, and try to look upon every thing for the best. tho it is frequently a struggle with me to satisfy my self, when I reflect seriously, about you all at home. Yes. Tho I am determined to try and look for better days. And yet hope to see the day when I may again be with you, that I may be able to assist and do all for you that may be in my power. Some times I think the day is not far distant when I may again be with you. Tho perhaps a few hours, tho again will blast my hopes, and lay me again in the dark. Tho I must here confess I am fond of the service and should the war close in any reasonable time I would not have missed the trip for any consideration.

As for me to attempt to say when the war will come  
to a close is useless. As you can gain more infor-  
mation from the papers than I can tell, and no doubt  
originate from ~~the~~ more wise heads, I can only add cony  
thing goes on smoothly with me. And could I convince  
myself you were all well, and enjoying yourself  
I should be satisfied, ~~which~~ <sup>we</sup> have found fine times  
here and some pretty rough ones. Tho as soldiers take  
it all in good part. We have intelligened from Gen Scott  
as late as this morning (Via San Louis) stating Gen  
Scott had entered the City of Mexico and is now in the  
city instead of his former position as I stated in my  
letter to father, which I wrote two days hence. I must  
hear also of you & Father both to write me a letter  
or the Receipt of this, as I want something from  
your own pen. As I have never received but one  
letter from you since I have been in the Country  
I hope you will not fail to write and let me  
hear all abouts your selves. Yes, I received a letter  
from Amanda ten days hence, which afforded  
me much pleasure. I have continued to write  
cony mail to you or some one at home ever since  
I have been in the Country tho. You acknowledge  
the receipt of very few letters from <sup>me</sup> you will please  
write and inform me whether you receive my letters  
regularly or not. It is not necessary for me to enter  
into a detail of the war, how as you can see all  
that is going on by referring to the papers which  
bring all the news to you as soon as my letters would

The greatest difficulty that appears to prevail amongst  
the volunteers, is the want to be going ahead, and do the fighting,  
and bring the war to a close. We all grumble more or  
less about our pay in the way of provisions &c. as  
it is pretty rough. Our food which we draw, is principally  
flour Bacon and Coffee. As to the bacon I have very  
little to do with it. As you no I never could eat it like  
some do. Tho I make my old diet answer me Coffee  
and bread you no thin is a famous diet of mine  
we have all become good cooks. And can cook up  
a meal with all our guests ~~or~~ the next cook. Should  
I ever return I will be able to show you some dishes  
which we prize very high here. perhaps <sup>tho</sup> you would  
not perhaps admire, or be fond of. I shall I have  
much to tell when I return about almost every thing that  
I cannot have patience or time to write. we have but  
little time to write here and have <sup>to</sup> take chance as  
they may occur. My business is principally writing  
and drilling I write a great deal & when I commence  
letter writing some how or other I become impatient  
in which I take very little pain tho you must excuse  
me. I Received a letter from uncle Hugh a few weeks ago  
he give me all the news I was much pleas'd to hear from  
him. I will bring this to a close by bid asking again  
for you all to write give me all the news. excuse  
this hasty scrawl its many imperfection &c and  
ever believe me to be with much respects uncle  
Servants and Sister Child J. P. Brock.  
Mrs. Sarah A. Brock.

Dear Sisters, as I have not time to write to you  
all this mail. And as you will have a chance  
to hear from me by this letter you must excuse  
me. please write all kinds of you give me  
all the news the and every thing and about  
every body leave nothing out of your letters. write  
often and every mail do not forget. I wish to be  
kindly remembered to all my friends, especially  
to the Lady. Tell every body to write to me,  
girls and all I want to hear from every body.  
Lewis Clark has left for home some time  
since as I informed you in my letter. he was  
compelled to leave owing to his bad health he  
promised me he would come and see you as  
so soon as he could at home. And tell you  
all about Mexico. no doubt you have seen him  
before this time if he had the good luck to arrive  
safe at home. If you see him tell him  
to write and give me the news of his arrival Geo.  
I think some of my friends have treated me badly  
never writing to me since I have been in Mex. especially  
those who I have written to. I will not care the  
scrawl. please excuse mistakes Geo. Your truly  
Adm'd J. P. B.

P.S. I expect to go down to Taltillo this evening  
as I have and invitation to a fandango. (a dance)  
at the (alcaldes) we anticipate much fun  
I will give you the news from it next week  
J. P. B.