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You will see by my sheet of yesterday that I was forced to close rather sudden so I take the opportunity to finish this morning. it is very warm and pleasant here you speak of having straw berries I had some here in the first week in may cherries are ripe here now and peaches soon will be we have very good times here now we have no guard around our camp our Col said that we had done enough guard & picket duty when we were out so he would not put us on here now and give us a chance to recruit a little there is many of our boys that are sick we have had to bury many of them some we buried in bark coffins and some in their blanket those that we have buried here have been put in good coffins we had to bury one of our company his name was Norman Taylor the last honor we could do him was to discharge our farewell shots over his grave he had one little girl now an orphan I have been around to see our sick this morning they made very comfortable now the women in the hospital take good care of them

We were payed two months wages yesterday you need not send any more stamps for I can get plenty of them here and as for money I have \$508 with me now I shall

send apart of it home soon. X I am going
down to the River to bathe this morning so I
must hurry or I shall not get back in time to
go on duty and if I should not I would be put in
the guard house or on extra duty for two or three days
you know that would not suit me very well just now.
I have never been in the guard house yet as a prisoner and
hope I never shall I have saved others from getting
in many times & down in the city they have a general
guard house and they put anybody that they find out
after such time at night and the next morning they
will put them in a room and shower them with
cold water some of our regt has tried the powdering
room they think it is a big thing and I think so
too for some of the boys that do not wash themselves
very often Well I must bring this
to a close you must excuse this dirty sheet and poor
spelling and writing give my respects to all till
and happen that I should like to have her write to
me let me know how business is with the people in
general and write soon

Yours in haste

O. P. Churchill