

Camp near Hatcher Run
March 20th 1865.

My dear Pat - I reckon you are wondering why
you have not received a hearing from me before
this. But you will perceive by the heading of this
note that I am no longer in the trenches. We
were relieved the 16th of this month and sent on
the extreme right of our line, and as soon
as we took our position in Camp, we were
sent on picket on the Hatcher Run battle ground
and there remained 3 days. I am very much
glad to hear from you, and down here having
marched nearly all night the night we left
the trenches, and find the severe duty while
on picket. We are even now under marching
orders and it is to be expected that we shall
be marched about from post to post. We
are in the right where most of the fighting
is conducted and I don't know at what hour
Grant may throw his regular army. It is
said he has been marching in our right for
a long time for the Southside Road that seems
to be his great idea now to get possession of
that. We are 8 or 10 miles from Petersburg in
log cabins and would be very comfortable
if the Yankees would let us rest. They are
5 or 6 miles from us. We have to go 4 miles to
get to our picket post.

I have been very uneasy that you might
send Winston to Petersburg while I am some
far away. I think the horse could be spiced
from home that length of time from the
plough and I regretted that I wrote you would
to send him with Mr. Allison. I would not
wish you to send him now as it would
be impracticable and things are too much
behind hand at home. If you get this note
in time do not send him. He would never
find me. With the exception of fatigue and
exposure, the effects of which I feel sensible
feel, I am quite well.

I have heard that the mail route to King's
Cross has been cut by Sheridan, but I will
write this note anyhow. I haven't time to
write more now, I have been very busy all
day, but now, dearest Pat, my prayers are
always for you and my love is yours. Remember
me to the children. May God be with all
of you -

Yr affec^t Husband

Jos L Pollard