

Dearest Cousin

May 18th 63 A. D.

I must give you credit for being
 the most punctual and the almost tempted to say
 the most interesting correspondent that I have
 say you are, but don't tell anybody. You know I have
 some who when they see words interest me most right
 but I did not intend to write to ecology on you on this
 these pages are merely your letters, I tried to say your
 correspondence is of so much pleasure to me that I
 always at the very first opportunity after the receipt
 of yours, eat myself much to my pleasure to answer
 them. I was very much delighted to hear that you and
 well as the others who are interested in our welfare was
 relieved as soon after our safe deliverance I wonder if Mr
 Hunt Jr. said to his mother to do anything to hear of the
 first battle of Manassas, a frequent thought of this during
 that seven days of terrible excitement. I wonder if the
 but knowing that to be impossible as it was to write was
 perfectly contented, or at least tried to be.
 The picture of the battle and the dreadful
 slaughter you have heard all about. I will say nothing about it
 but you did tell me Mrs. Francis did you say I
 am so young I do not wish that she some day should say
 to me I can't but as the matter is, hope that she some
 day may call a certain Mrs. E. Ly that name. What a
 nice little wife she would make. Well, but you think,
 or you must not be at all dubious about telling me
 anything in that line of business for you know
 I am as far from interfering in any way, especially to be
 an injury to you or any body in this world.

I hardly know what to think of Miss R. & L. leaving
up our Valentines, R certainly did know that they were
sent by us for if I mistake not, Cousin M. wrote me
word that she had told her as much by her actions
Why don't you suppose the D. concerns did not see
them and see me right off, I am afraid Miss R. has
found her cakes are all dough in this direction and
now feels it her time to swing, I think a great deal of
that girl, even if I doubt her heart and her feelings may be
that way toward me, Next time you write tell me
everything about it you know, Don't think from this
request that I am seriously concerned and want to know
for some particular reason, but just idle curiosity
prompts me to ask you, The Young Mr. C. & I both
of and myself have quit courting, but I suppose it is
because I quit going to see her, the distance being
about a mile and I too lazy to walk it, I came out
considerably ahead having got a ring from her with
a heart on it, and her to make me full confession
Don't you think I ought to have been killed,

Since my copious in Va. never have I yet seen
the girl that could compete with my fair and dark
eyed Lucia, though I have seen some Star gazers
I of think of her and some more who once had
me as near crazy as she, but I know that being in
the war, is my place and therefore content myself

I wish that I could once more lay my eyes on
Miss Charlotte I, she too I often think off, it is
strange some one don't let me hear from her, I mean
Mediators in mine and her case

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Dear Ma

Yours of the 14th was handed to me day before yesterday, and would have been answered here this, but my eyes hurt me so that I could not have written had I tried.

To day is beautiful the sun is bright and warm, I am afraid most too much so, for we have to go out and drill in Battalions drill, and ^{in a few moments} here we get a full benefit I am glad to say the weather has for the last two or three weeks been very fine, and I to coincide with an enjoying fine weather, when I started on that eight days trip up to Ft. Chancellorsville, I weighed about one hundred and seventy pounds, and when I got back I think I had fallen off about twenty five, owing to the continuous marching, loss of sleep, and everything to worry you

My clothes would hardly stay on me
but now since I have had an oppor-
tunity to stay in camp some I have
begun to make a great change

When the Yanks make another
attack I want to stay at Fredericksburg
some will have no opinion about to do
for I had much rather do the fighting
than the marching about, it is certain-
ly the most boring thing that I ever
tried, just to think of marching fifteen
or sixteen miles through mud half leg
deep in the night-time at that, and
next day be gone about through the
hot sun, and finally, double quicked
about two miles through falling bombs
shells, and whistling Minnie balls into a
battle, you know my constitution must
certainly be much strengthened, anyway
I certainly did do it without suffering
^{any} in an immediate degree, but the night I
got back to camp, after taking a trip of

seventeen miles through mud over six months
deep, Several of our boys, came during
the storm, but it is all over with now
I am glad to say, and I don't feel the
effects at all.

You spoke of sending James on
this week, I will begin to look anxiously
for him the last part of this week
for beside wanting to see somebody
right from home and that trunk
of provisions, for I assure the need
of them is felt very sensibly, I am so
sorry you had so much trouble about
the shirts if I had known you would
have had so much I would have drawn
these white twisted shirts from the quarter
Master not caring how badly I hated to
wear them, We expect to get uniforms
in a few days and I expect under clothing
The Rest have been drawing shoes, but
they are very inferior, I got a pair
but they are so "no count" that I expect to
sell them

I am sorry you ~~are~~ were not able
to find out anything about Le former
Every letter I get from the young folks
I am in hopes of hearing something of
L. E. K., or some one who I am interested
but they seem perfectly ignorant

I am glad W is getting on so very
well, Miss Fanning is a charming young
lady, and the H fellow is the best pleased
you ever saw, whenever he hears any
thing from you, he is very anxious to get
the letter you are going to write him soon

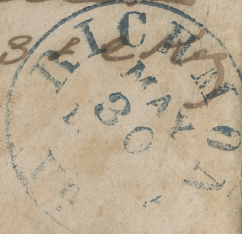
Well Mar the mail will soon start
and I want this to go, so I will close
please excuse this, I don't feel well
and there is a fuss around me.

Give my love to all, tell all of
them to write to me what has become
of Wath, tell him to write.

I am your Affectionately
Howdy to dar kids Harry

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Dear Ma

After long and anxious expectations yesterday to my great delight, James arrived in camp, with the boy all safe and sound.

I began to be much troubled, because I remembered after having written you not to send him, until I wrote for him, and then receiving your letter saying that you were expecting to start him the next week, and of course looked for him, but being disappointed, began this time about the letter I had written besides it was over two weeks before I or myself received a single line or heard a single

word from home, but said it
all to James coming and your
sending letters by him.

To day all is in a flutter
about the constant orders we
are receiving to be ready to
move at a minutes warning.
No one knows to what point
we are going, but it is supposed
we are intending to make an
attack on the enemy and try
and dust them from off
Stafford Heights. This I expect
will be a very active campaign.
Gen Lee does not intend to have
any more battles here, and after
giving the rebels another
whipping, give them a rest to
run back to,

I must now thank you
and those concerned for that
glorious box of provisions, If
we don't leave here soon, you may
just know how we will make
things hop, we have already
had two or three glorious mess
es off it. You could not have
better pleased us better had you
kind, Two or three days ago
I and I went about six or
seven miles to see Sam and
Mr. Picken, had a very nice
time, expected to send for them
to come and partake of the good
things with us, but owing to their
engagement, we did not do it.
All think it very uncertain
how long we ^{will} stay here
I hope some considerable time

You seem not to understand
~~how long we will~~ Mine and its
description of the fight, why
you certainly did, not get the
whole of it, as it was written in
his letters, why I made it as plain
as could be, This is a miserable
scrawl and I am in such a
hurry to get it written Sunday
hand trembles so, I am almost
ashamed to send it, I expect to
write home again soon when
I have more time. The post is
waiting to start, I hope to
stop, Give my love to all, do
if you please make them write
if they don't like to do so.

Your most affectionate son
Harry

My dear mother
I am so glad to hear
from you and hope
you are all well
I am well at present
and hope to hear from
you soon
I am your affectionate
son
Harry