

Harrisons Landing VA July 20 1862

Dear Mother

I received your kind letter and tea all sound night before last. The letter was first rate and so is the tea and it has done me a good deal of good so quick it is worth ten times what it cost to get it here. I wrote you a letter day before yesterday asking for some cheese and other little articles which I hope you will send right away. I have not received the papers that you sent but have seen a journal of the same date. The descriptions of the battles in that are the nearest the truth of any paper that I have seen yet. The most of the corespondents will lie so that they spoil the whole thing as near as I can find out there was not a great many of them on the field when the late battles were fought they thinking it was safer to stay a good distance in the rear a good many of them jumped aboard the boats and I guess they have not stoped yet. Everything here now is very quiet and I hope it will continue so for some time at least long enough for the army to get over the efects of the late disasters. I should think from the way the papers talk that they were not getting volunteers verry fast. I guess the people have found out that there is no fun in being a soldier when they get where they have to fight. Have you begun haying yet? I think I would like to be there and work in the field a little while some fine day about this season of the year. You wish to know if you may expect any more money from me. I shall send some just as soon as we are paid dont think I can do it before very well. We expect to be paid in a few days but may not get it in a month or more. Our regiment surgeon that was taken prisoner at Hanover Court House at the time of the fight there has been released and has got back but is unwell. Also two of our officers that were wounded in the late battle have got back. I see by the papers that wool is bringing a large price this season did you get a good price for yours Tell Gust that I saw Joe Pixby the other day also Wm Doubelday from Cooperstown he is going back in a few days he belongs to a band and they are discharging all or nearly all of the bands, only allowing a band of Sixteen to each brigade. I think that will be quite a saving I cant think of anything more to write so I might as well stop here

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