

Stamp Pay ton

May 26th / 63

Dear sister:

I received your letter of the 22nd today & having nothing to do will reply in time for the mornings mail.

As you have been asking a good many questions about my clothes, I will set you at rest on that point, I have worn out the suit that I left home with (Pants, Coat, Socks) but as I was getting tolerably ragged, the brigade received a supply of English clothes so as I was one of the needy ones I am rigged out in a splendid suit of blue, costing only \$18 for the suit, & I bought socks, my shirts are in a very good condition yet & as I have to play the turtle here (cover my rag worthy effects on my back) I do not wish to tout more.

I had my boots mended & they will do some time yet, but you may send my others down as soon as possible, but do not hurry I take any kind of an article, I wish my boots to be soft & not too heavy as heavy boots are apt to blister the feet in warm weather. You did not mention whether the letter had ~~the~~ ^{any} money in it or not I started it with 100 dollars

Since the death of our old General
a good many changes have taken
place in his corps, Gen Hill (A.P.)
commands the corps, Gen Edward
Johnston familiarly known as
(Sleighing Ed) has command
of the Division & Gen Walker
formerly a captain in this regiment
is our Brigadier. Gen Johnston is
a good Gen & a brave man but one
of the wickedest men I ever heard
of.

Gen Long street has arrived
here with his troops & our army
is in a much better condition
than before the fight, I expect
we will make a powerful movement
before Long, certainly there never
was a more favorable time than
the present. The Enemy weakened
by battle & the expiration of the
time of the nine months men.

I went to Hamilton's Crossing
the other day & seeing a Ambulance
belonging to Phillips Ed Legion I thought
I would enquire for Cousin Sandy not
expecting though that he had gotten
back so was surprised to hear the
man say that he had taken him
to his regiment the day before.

I send my respects to him & the
next day he came down to see me &
sent the day I found him a very
pleasant & agreeable fellow, he sent
is love to all of you, I expect
return his visit in a day or so
as he is camped within two miles
of us.

Mr Jenkins arrived here a day
or so ago, he is staying with our carpenter
& preaches every day, he expects to
stay a month. There is a great interest
taken in the meetings & many have
joined the church. His my certificate
of membership arrived in Lexington yet
Dr White will receive it.

Tell Hong I am anxiously looking
for a letter from her -
Give my respects to Miss Gray the
next time you see her.

Hurry up your rocks they men are
scarce in Spotsylvania -

Good bye

Excuse this scotch as I have to
write in a small tent 5 ft square &
there are three in it -