

I expect the next trial of arms
will be on the banks of the
Rapidan, it will be the blood-
iest conflict of the war, this
army thinks they have the
Getty's bog spot to wipe out

Send down my clothes by
the first safe opportunity -

I saw Mr Leech yesterday
that would have been a
good opportunity if they
were ready.

I am going out this
evening to gather some
Blackberries to make me
a pie, we have been living
on them since we came
across the Ridge.

As it is getting somewhat
cooler I will start.

Get your basket & come
along. Good bye -
Ed

Camp Stone Mill
Aug 3rd /63

Dear Sister -

I have just re-
ceived your letter of the 22nd July,
the first mail we have had
for some time.

We are now in Camp
near Orange Ct, arrived here
Saturday Evening, yesterday
heard a sermon from Rev Mr
McLean of Monroe, who is for
the present acting Chaplain
for our Reg, a very good sermon
but rather too much on the
Methodist order, in the evening
attended a meeting of the
Christian Association, which
(meetings) are very pleasant &
instructive. I believe I gave
you an account of our mode
of conducting these meetings &
their object &c &c -

After North attended the usual Prayer Meetings, which are held every evening.

The religious interests have somewhat abated since our march commenced, dangers which have been passed through seem to harden the hearts of men, a day or so ago I saw a game of Cards going on, the first I have seen since I came back & before this campaign you could seldom hear an oath, now it gushes on your ears at every turn. Still there is a great deal of interest in the Brigade ^{in the Association} yesterday it was stated, that one of the Col's in the Brig was greatly interested & several line officers.

We have two excellent Chaplains

In the Brig. Rev. Mr. Vass of the 2^d & Hopkins of the 2nd.

I wish we had Wm Jenkins for ours, he had a great deal of influence in the Reg, the men liked him very much & I often wish that he was back. Can he not come?

This morning I took off my only suit & had them washed paying \$1.00 for the three pieces & now I feel that I am clean a feeling I have been a stranger to for a long time but this suit is white & soon becomes dirty & we seldom have a chance to wash, so I suppose I will be dirty until Winter puts an end to marching, as an active campaign seems to be the order of the day.