

Camp 14<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infy.  
near Nokisville Va.  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 1864.

My dear Sarah

We have been very busy for several days making preparations for an early move, yet I can hardly believe we shall leave here under two or three weeks, or at least until we are relieved by other Troops.

This morning we sent off all our surplus baggage to Alexandria to be stored during the summer.

We were inspected last Monday, and received a very good Report. Everything proved to my entire satisfaction.

And to the satisfaction of  
all present.

You ask if my duties are  
California as Field Officer.  
Not by any means, but I  
have been in Command of  
the Regiment nearly all of  
the time since I returned,  
hence I am responsible  
for its conduct. Although  
the labor is nothing, yet  
the responsibility is considerable  
surrounded as we are by  
Guerillas and liable to be  
attacked at any moment.

It is quite difficult to  
distinguish them from our  
own men so nearly all of  
them in this vicinity wear  
our uniform.

I notice by the Washington  
papers that the 2<sup>d</sup> Regt got  
credit for the one who killed

That is about as near as  
they get any thing.

The paper says, a party  
of guerillas attacked the  
Camp of the 2<sup>d</sup> Regt at Catlett's  
Station on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and  
one of them was killed by one  
of the men of the 2<sup>d</sup> Regt.

He had in his possession  
property belonging to Capt  
McKee. The whole of which  
is false, yet he had a ring  
on his finger that belonged  
to St. Jurns, one of the Officers  
that was captured.

I have nothing of interest  
to communicate consequently  
close sending my best wishes  
which are always yours

Devotedly  
Your Own  
Gandy.

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Have just received your letter  
stating that mine of the 8<sup>th</sup>  
was received last Friday

If none of mine of a  
later date have reached  
you my dear girl, there are  
two or three yet due for  
I have certainly written two  
since that time

My dear Sarah I have  
just heard a report that  
we leave here on Friday.  
but I do not believe it  
for we have had no official  
information regarding it. If  
I would be likely to know  
about it as soon as any one  
in the Regiment.

Think we should have  
at least two or three days  
notice in order to make  
some necessary preparations  
for such an event

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My dear Sarah, in your letter you speak of George and Addie being very much attached to each other.

Think you their attachment is greater than ours?

Oh!! my dear Sarah I do most earnestly pray to God.

my life may be spared, that I may prove to you the depth of my affection, the sincerity of my vows.

I have enjoyed many very happy hours with you, and by the providence of God, hope to enjoy many happy days, Ah! years,

Dearest Sarah you will find I have many faults, which in all probability you have not yet learned, but

I hope by your gentle  
guidance to overcome the  
most glaring of them. Still  
I do not claim to have more  
or greater faults than other  
men, yet I am willing to  
condemn them which many  
men are not.

Do not think Dearest I do  
because I entertain a high  
opinion of your goodness  
gentleness & purity that I  
consider you an Angel and  
pardon for some of us are  
free from them, in this World  
at least.

I have just been to my  
Dad which I have at the  
gentle hour of nine O'clock  
and now return to my letter,  
Have not heard from  
John Walker for a long time  
I suppose he is still at Boston.

Received a letter from  
Mrs. Gacom a short time  
since, saying that Miss Emma  
said if I wished to hear from  
her I must write her, to  
which I replied for her to  
tell Emma that I was always  
open to correspondence but  
she has not thought proper  
to write me yet.

Also received a note from  
Dr. Selvi about same time.  
He is still with Dr. Bentin  
but thought some of setting  
up for himself. I value him  
much except for I have  
great confidence in him, not  
so much of his ability as  
for his honesty, and yet he  
is a man of considerable ability  
than his qualities are very  
seldom found at the  
present day in Surgeons

hence I think they should  
be highly appreciated when  
found combined.

It seems you are just beginning  
to learn the Character of the  
people at the Bridge, while  
I who have been hundreds  
of miles away learned it  
a long time ago.

I don't think you are a  
very good judge of Character,  
and besides you don't take  
the papers to get information  
neither would I advise  
you to take them for I  
do not think it would in  
any way improve your Opinions.

If such transactions are  
permitted to pass unnoticed  
I know not when the  
program will end.

Good night. and may the  
Angels of Heaven watch over you.  
Lennie

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