Camp near Culpepper Va.
October 14 1863

My dear Sarah,

Received your letter of September 21st. This evening, and can assure you it was a welcome letter, although I did not expect one so soon for this reason.

I wrote to you on the afternoon that I left my and did give any direction where a letter would reach me, but fortunately I wrote to your brother after I arrived here and he was very kind to forward yours.

I have written you twice since I have been in Camp, but it seems they have not reached their destination.

We are pleasantly encamped about two miles from Culpepper.
Have not received the letter you wrote in at Gettysburgs but found one awaiting my arrival in NY.

To have not yet been furnished with my regiment fit for duty. one of your mischief hundred enlisted. Those are formed into seven lots.

I received command of 9 Co, 1st Oct, which was the color Co. but as I am the second captain by rank it is placed upon the color list. being as safe as any place in battle except during a flank movement when it is the most dangerous.

We are kept very busy all of the time. having to drills, clean and card I have no Co, Clark D home to do all the writing which is an easy task. I had much rather drill.

Our Camp looks like a large City, but it has been diminished by the 1st 8/12 Army Corps leaving.
There is a report in Camp this evening that we are going to Washington, but I don't think it is credible. All I think we will go to Centreville soon.

Looks very much like rain this eve, but P. has not written to me. Still it will save us from from labor which under present circumstances would be a fine thing in my opinion.

I am heartily glad that your health is so good. And sincerely hope it will long continue. Have not heard from home since 1st of July. The only letter from home received from Mr. is the one you wrote. You seem to think P. do not like to hear you wish. May be he is. I have never seen one of the two long days plan of him to write whereas I do not think he will ever. Although if you will write a long letter and a good one, which I think you will be willing to do.

Will write again in a few days when I have more time and will try and write a more interesting letter. Remember me to all. Devoting yours

[Signature]