



City Point Virginia  
Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Father,

I received yours of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> this AM. It seems you did not exactly understand. I did not mean to say that if I accepted the commission tendered to me, that I would be kept here as a clerk. I would relieve one of the officers now in charge of the office.

The regiment is not at the front but is retained here at Hdq. Quarters. but there is no telling (like the 93<sup>rd</sup>) how soon they will <sup>be</sup> ordered away from here.

As you say I think I have did my part. and will not stay, and you may look for me home long about, the

10<sup>th</sup> of December. I will leave here on  
the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> will probably be detained  
in Washington a day or two to procure  
my pay &c.

The fact is, I did not want to  
stay, but thought I would see what you  
thought of it before I refused the offer  
entirely. No news in particular. The troops  
are preparing to go into winter quarters  
again, after a fruitless Campaign,  
and we are no nearer the end, than we  
were two years ago. The Rebs' blowed  
up "Fort Hell" night before last, doing  
but little damage however, as the author-  
ities expected it and moved the troops  
out of it, but three men killed I believe,

Edson, will go out of the  
service this Winter. I understand, although  
I have not seen him within two weeks,  
Tom. can not get out, as he enlisted  
before he got his commission, a resigna-  
tion may possibly be accepted if tendered,

but rather doubtful.

As I think of nothing more  
that will interest you, and it  
being past dinner time I will  
close with regards to all,

Truly Your Servant  
C. Roberts