

Thursday the 28th of Dec. Home on the 28th to-day expect to stay here
tomorrow morning We have nothing to do but set & watch the
Rebel pickets Everything is quiet here to-day A balloon is going
up now & then from Gen. Sumner's headquarters It is real warm
& pleasant this weather reminds me of May in N.C. I received
a letter from you just after the battle. It seems you have not re-
ceived all my letters I sent you a letter with a gold dollar & a one
dollar bill in it Have you received it I sent it because I had more
than I thought I needed at the time I received your letter with 75 cts
in it just after the battle I also received your letter with the
other letter money (75 cts) I am writing this on some paper I
got out of a house in Fredericktown I have got almost out of
paper & envelopes when you write if you can slip in a sheet of paper
& envelopes should like it The soldiers will be round by & by
& I will try to get some I expect of sending me a box Our folks
told of sending one please not send when they do; I am well enough
with the living we have I don't want you to be too much expense
in sending me stuff Don't send anything that will spoil by
keeping Wednesday the 29th Have got back to camp to-day is warm
& pleasant Some boxes came to-day for the boys those that had in them
tobacco apples bread &c were all spoiled. I have not received any paper
since the battle Would like to have you send me the papers after the
battle With "Carthage" letters describing the battle please write just as
soon as you get this & send the papers I am of preserved papers would
be very acceptable when you send the box don't hurry it. I am your brother
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Tuesday the 23rd of Dec. Am on picket to-day expect to stay till tomorrow morning We have nothing to do but sit & watch the Rebel pickets Evrything is quiet here to-day A baloon is going up now & then from Gen Sumner's headquarters. It is real warm & pleasant this weather reminds me of May in NE. I received a letter from you just after the battle. It seems you have not so received all my letters. I sent you a letter with a gold dollar & a one dollar bill in it. Have you received it I sent it because I had more than I thought I needed at the time. I received your letter with 75 cts in it just after the battle I also received your letter with the other money (75 cts) Am writing this on some paper I got out of a house in Fredericksburg. I have got almost out of paper & envelopes when you write if you can slip in a sheet of paper & envelopes should like it the sutlers will be round by & by & I will try to get some You speak of sending me a box Our folks talk of sending one Please not send when they do. I am well enough with the living we have I don't want to be to too much expense in sending me stuff Don't sent anything that will spoil by keeping Wednesday the 24th Have got back to camp to-day is warm & pleasant Some boxes came to-day for the boys those that had in them turkeys apples breads &c were all spoiled. I have not received any papers since the battle Would like to have you send me the papers after the battle With the "Carlton's" letters describing the battle. Please write just as soon as you get this & send the papers A can of preserved oysters would be very acceptable when you send the box, don't hurry it. From your brother WJT