

Camp of Supply Train 2<sup>nd</sup> Div 2<sup>d</sup> A.C.  
 near near Marietta Georgia July 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Wife I received yours the other day but did not have time to answer it then and in fact I would not have time now if I had not got permission from the Chief Quartermaster to lay by one day and let my men and teams rest a day. Yesterday was the 4<sup>th</sup> July and the way I spent it was by getting up at 1 o'clock in the morning and hitched up and drove to the front 17 miles with a load of supplies for our Division. the day was not so very warm and I made it an easy drive by starting early I got all unloaded and camped before night eat a good supper of canned oysters and hard tack <sup>and</sup> sat down and listened to our Cannon as they blazed away at the John Rebs for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July salute I had a good nights sleep and feel first rate this morning the Cannon are roaring and you could not tell the difference from the 4<sup>th</sup> by the noise of Artillery

As for noise it is a common thing here I have heard  
so much of it that I do not pay much attention to  
it any more. The roar of cannon and the rattle of  
musketry is an every day occurrence for the last two  
months our forces have succeeded in driving  
the rebels from their strong hold among the mountains  
and hills in the northern part of Georgia and now  
we have a more open and level country to fight  
in and they can not possibly make a very long  
stand any where this side of Atlanta and I am  
not sure but some of our army are now in that  
place now or near there the Johnny rebs are  
fast getting discouraged and from all accounts will  
not fight as they have done. - Only from fear of  
their own new whole Regiments would desert.

I am glad that you and Frankie both  
keep well and I hope that you will always  
be so do not worry about me so much for  
I am safe and can look out for myself  
and I have many friends here in the army. I am  
sorry that I can not go home and see you  
but the exigencies of the service will not permit  
the absence of any man or officer at present who  
is fit for duty. as I am fit for duty every day

and I have nothing to do beyond my train except  
in forage that being I M Stores I have to receipt for as  
I haul it and transfer to Brigade A L M's on orders  
from Capt Wmslow the Div A L M other I M Stores I have  
nothing to do with except ~~that~~ my train and that which  
belongs to it to make it complete I have now only 35 wagons  
I have turned over since I commenced 48 wagons that  
the mules became unserviceable for <sup>and</sup> as soon as I can get more  
mules I have got to make it up again to 45 or 50 wagons with  
6 mules to each wagon which makes a train when on the road  
over a half of a mile long sometimes I travel with other  
trains which altogether sometimes makes a train from 8  
to 10 miles long and some times more.

You say that Frankie will not sit still  
long enough to have her likeness taken and you have tried  
so many times. Well never mind I had now two likenesses  
of her now and if she wont sit still let her go a while  
longer I would like to get it first rate to see how she looks  
now I can imagine how she is full of fun all of the time  
and if she only keeps well I will be satisfied so give your self  
no uneasiness about it So take good care of your self and her  
and I will come home as soon as there is a possibility of it  
My respects to all inquiring friends and excuse me here  
for I must go to the hospital and see a sick friend of mine  
who is a A L M of the 1st Sect of the Supply train, and a partner  
with me in hauling supplies. So good by at present while  
I remain as ever your

Affectionate Husband

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