

No. 24th Ala Regt
Near Dalton Wednesday March 30th 64

My Dear Pottie

This is a cold windy day the
companies are all out in the old field drilling
& I am sitting alone in my little log cabin
thinking of you & home & wondering if the
mail this morning will bring me any
news from you. I have heard nothing
from you since I received Mags short
note by Newt. As you were then imp-
roving I can but hope that you have
continued to improve. That was on the
19th & if such be the case I trust that
I shall have a letter from you before
many days informing me of recovery
I hope & pray that I will not be disap-
pointed. You dont know how very
anxious & uneasy I have been about you.
If I could only hear from you often
I would be much better contented. When
I go to bed at night I cannot go to sleep
for hours from thinking of this. My
mind & thoughts wander away to my

distant home to my dear devoted Wife
who is languishing upon a sick bed &
I deprived of the privilege of being
by your side to minister to your wants
& relieve your aching pains as far as
is within my power. I wrote to you
as soon as Nunt arrived & also to May,
& I hope that you or Vic, one or the other
of you will be able to write to me soon.

Nunt started home two days
ago in company with Joe Leonard
& Mr Birchfield who were going home
on furlough. He has been suffering
for some time with Rheumatism in his
legs. I suppose that it has been brought
on by exposure. I will require some
time to get him habituated to the exposure
of camp life. I thought it a good idea
to send him home until the weather
became warmer. I was very glad to
see Joe Leonard go home. It has been
about two years since he saw his
"Dollie". May said that Nunt was crazy
about the Girls. I have not had a good

opportunity got of talking with him about
"the girls he left behind him". I don't
know who his special favorite is. He keeps
every thing of the kind secret from me.

I was so upset in my mind when I wrote
you before that I neglected to thank you for
the articles sent me by Newby. I think
they are very nice indeed. Every body that
has seen the shirts admires them very much
& wants to get some like them. They think
I have a very smart & industrious wife
The clove fit very nicely. I have
not tried the shirts on yet but think they
will fit exactly. There was heavy can-
nonading this morning at the front
but I have not heard the cause; but
suppose that it was our Cavalry skirmishing
with the enemy. The Weather is still
very cold & cloudy. I fear that all the
fruit has been killed down home. How
is the wheat crop now at home. I hear
a great many complaints about the wheat
being greatly injured by the freeze in
January. I expect every body is

about done planting corn by this time
in the neighborhood. You & Mother ought
to plant a large crop of Sugar cane
& make Molasses. It will not be
much trouble & will pay you better than
any other crop you can raise. Let Uncle
Joel, Tom Mullin or some one to look
after your taxes. It will take nearly
all you can make this year to pay them
I hope I shall be favored with a letter
from you & Vic both before it is time
for me to write again. I hope the
dear little Children keep well. Tell
them howdy & keep them for Pa.

Give my love to Mother & Vic & all
the Family. I expect Vic is looking
anxiously for Mr Thomas now, if
he has not already arrived.

With the earnest prayer that God in His
infinite goodness & mercy will bless you &
return you soon to health again. I close
Good bye

Your devoted Husband
Newton.

Hd. Qrs. 24th Ala. Regt.
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My dear Bettie:

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I was so upset in my mind when I wrote you before that I neglected to thank you for the articles sent me by Newt. I think they are very nice indeed. Every body that has seen the shirts admired them very much & wants to get some like them. They think I have a very smart & industrious wife. The Glara fit very nicely. I have not tried the shirts on yet but think they will fit exactly. There was heavy cannonading this morning at the front but I have **not heard the cause**, but suppose that it was our ?Cavalry skirmishing with the enemy. The weather is still very cold & cloudy. I fear that all the fruit has been killed down home. How is the wheat crop now at home. I hear a great many complaints about the wheat being greatly injured by the freeze in January. I expect every body is about done planting corn by this time in the neighborhood. You & mother ought to plant a large crop of sugar cane & make molasses. It will not be much trouble & will pay you better than any other crop you can raise. Get Uncle Joel, Tom Mullin or some one to look after your taxes. It will take nearly all you can make this year to pay them. I hope I shall be favored with a letter from you & Vic both before it is time for me to write again. I hope the dear little children keep well. Tell them howdy & kiss them for Pa.

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Your Devoted Husband,
Newton.