

Co. Pos 24th Ala Regt
Near Dalton Friday Mar. 4th 1864

My Dear Sister

It has been some three or four days since wrote you last and as I have nothing at present to occupy my attention, I have concluded to write you a short letter. We had another grand review this morning by Lieut Genl. Hood. I suppose that you are aware of the fact that he has been assigned to the command of our Corps. The troops all presented a fine appearance & I have no doubt the Genl will feel proud of his command. He had all the Wagons, ambulances & transportation of every kind were out for his review & inspection. I intended writing you by Newt but did not have time. His furlough came one day sooner than I expected & he only remained a few minutes after he received it. I know that you all will be greatly surprised to see him back so soon

He was as jubilant at the idea of going home as if he had not been there in twelve months. Under a late order issued by Genl Johnston, one man in every ten is allowed a furlough if they need it for the War. It is decided by lot & Hunt was lucky enough to draw the furlough the first drawing. Several members of his Company offered him a big price for his furlough, but he would not sell it. This system of furloughing has given general satisfaction to the Army. I understand that Genl Johnston says that he intends to keep it up until all have been permitted to go home. I would like to see you all when Hunt makes his first entrance among you. You doubtless be as much surprised as

you were to see me. I expect your
first impression will be that he is a
"run-a-way". You won't be able to under-
stand how it is that he has gotten a
few loughs so soon after returning to
the Army. He will have a rich time
with the "Girls" at home. & I expect will
spend the greatest portion of his time
with them. Every thing here is as
quiet now as usual. We have had
some very cold weather this month.
If it is as cold at home as it is
here I fear the peach crop will
be ruined. I suppose that your
fears about the Greeks have all
subsided by this time & you are all
rejoicing over your safe deliverance
from the savages of this Vandal
border. God grant that you may

June June

My "Friend" Sir, Anderson has been
sent to Florida to take command of
our forces there.

we remain so. There are no
indications of a move up here soon
but if the weather continues favorable
it will not be a great while before we
are on the march again to some point.
My health continues good notwithstanding
the coarse fare we get. Corn Bread &
Beef is about all we get. I commenced
a letter to Mag but have not finished
it yet in consequence of the review
this morning. How is Ira getting
along & when does he expect to return to
his Command. I don't think he ought to
go until his leg is entirely well. I hope
I shall have another letter from you
in a day or two. I suppose that Vic has
received my letter by this time. Give
my love to Mather, Vic, Mary & all the family
kiss the dear children & tell them howdy for
Pa. May kind Heaven bless you. Good Bye
Your Devoted Husband
Newton

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My dear Bettie:

It has been some three or four days since wrote you last and as I have nothing at present to occupy my attention, I have concluded to write you a short letter. We had another grand review this morning by Lieut. Genl. Hood. I suppose that you are aware of the fact that he has been assigned to the command of our Corps. The troops all presented a fine appearance & I have no doubt the Genl. will feel proud of his command. He had all the wagons, ambulances & transportation of every kind were out for his review & inspection. I intended writing you by Newt but did not have time. His furlough came one day sooner than I expected & he only remained a few minutes after he received it. I know that you all will be greatly surprised to see him back so soon. He was as jubilant at the idea of going home as if he had not been there in twelve months. Under a late order issued by Genl. Johnston, one man in every ten is allowed a furlough if they re-enlist for the War. It is decided by lot & Newt was lucky enough to draw the furlough the first drawing, Several members of his Company offered him a big price for his furlough, but he would not sell it. This system of furloughing has given general satisfaction to the Army. I understand that Genl. Johnston says that he intends to keep it up until all have been permitted to go home. I would like to see you all when Newt makes his first entrance among you. You doubtless be as much surprised as you were to see me. I expect your first impression will be that he is a "run-away". You want be able to understand how it is that he has gotten a furlough so soon after returning to the Army. He will have a rich time with the "Girls" at home, & I expect he will spend the greatest portion of his time with them. Every thing here is as quiet as usual. We have had some very cold weather this month. If it is at cold at home as it is here I fear the peach crop will be ruined. I suppose that your fears about the Yanks have all subsided by this time & you are all rejoicing over your safe deliverance from the savages of their vandal harder. God grant that you may ever remain so. There are no indications of a move up here soon but if the weather continues favorable it will not be a good while before we are on the march again to some point. My health continues good notwithstanding the conose fare we get. Corn Bread & Beef is about all we get. I commend a letter to Mag but have not finished it yet in consequence of the review this morning. How is Ira getting along & when does he expect to return to his command. I don't think he ought to go until his leg is entirely well. I hope I shall have another letter from you in a day or two. I suppose that Vic has received my letter by this time. Give my love to Mother, Vic, Mary & all the family. Kiss the dear children & tell them howdy for Pa. May kind Heaven bless you. Good Bye.

Your Devoted Husband
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