

Camp Paxton  
May 26/63

Dear Sister:

I received your letter of the 22nd, today and having nothing to do will reply in time for the mail.

As you have been asking a good many questions about my clothes I will set you at rest on that point. I have worn out a suit that I left home with, pants, coat, and socks, but as I was getting tolerably ragged, the brigade secured a supply of English clothes, so as I was one of the needy ones I am rigged in a splendid suit of blue, costing only eighteen dollars for the suit, and I bought socks; my shirts are in a very good condition yet and as I have to play the turtle here (carry my earthly effects on my back) I do not wish to tote more. I had my boots mended and they will do for some time yet, but you may send my others down as soon as possible, but do not hurry and take any kind of article. I wish my boots to be soft and not too heavy, as heavy boots are apt to blister the feet in warm weather. You did not mention whether the letter had any money in it or not. I started it with 100 dollars.

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Since the death of our old General a good many changes have taken place in his corps. Gen. Hill (A. P.) commands the corps. Gen. Edward Johnston, familiarly known as (Alleghany Ed) has command of the division and Gen. Walker, formerly a Captain in this regiment is our Brigadier. Gen. Johnson is a good general and a brave man but one of the wickedest men I ever heard of. Gen. Longstreet has arrived here with his troops and our army is in a much better condition than before the fight. I expect that we will make a forward movement before long, certainly there was never a more favorable time than the present, the enemy weakened by battle, and the expiration of the time of the nine months men.

I went to Hamilton's Crossings the other day and seeing an ambulance belonging to Phillips Ga. Legion, I thought I would inquire for Cousin Sandy, not expecting though that he had gotten back, so was surprised to hear the man say that he had taken him to his regiment the day before.

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I sent my respects to him and the next day he came down to see me and spent the day. I found him a very pleasant and agreeable fellow, he sent his love to all of you. I expect to return his visit in a day or so as he is camped within two miles of us.

Wm. Junkin arrived here a day or so ago, he is staying with our company and preaches every day, he expects to stay a month. There is a great interest taken in the meetings and many joined the church. Has my certificate of membership arrived in Lexington yet? Dr. White will receive it.

Tell Mary I am anxiously looking for a letter from her. Give my respects to Miss Gray the next time you see her. Hurry up your socks, they even are scarce in Spottsylvania.

Good bye

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Excuse this scratch as I have to write in a small tent 5ft. square and there are three in it.