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Gettysburg Pennsylvania July, 18th

Dear Parents it is
with much satisfaction to me
that I have the opportunity of writing
to you, to let you know that
I am well, except my wound
which is doing well, and I hope
these few lines will find you all
enjoying the best of Heavens
blessings. I am at the same
place that I was when I wrote
you before and expect to stay
here till I get so that I can
walk two and one half miles
to the town where I should
take the cars for Baltimore,
but how long that will be
I cant tell, I am in no great
hurry to go for I have good care

and good fare and am contented
 where ever I may be and
 for that reason I might as well
 be here as at Baltimore. The
 doctor that is here with us is a
 good one and that is more than
 they can say at every hospital,
 and I am heartily glad of one
 thing that is that I am not at
 the Corps Hospital, which is about
 half an mile from here, some of
 the men are obliged to lie on
 the ground and that their case
 is such that their wounds are
 filled with maggots.

I must tell you who
 come to see me the other
 day, I was lying in my bed
 thinking of the past and I heard
 one of the men at the top
 of the stairs say that man is
 in that room, and all at once

and at my great surprise
 who should I see but Mr
 Billingsport stepping into my
 room. He seized me by the
 hand, and says how do you do
 I heard you were badly worn
 dont you think I was glad to
 see him, I enquired of the folks
 at home, and he said that he
 had seen you a short time
 previous to his leaving home
 and that you were well.

He gave me a pair of
 shirts and some pickles
 and dried currants and
 some paper and envelopes,
 and now says he write to me
 or and to Miss Bennette,
 of course he had to have a
 little fun some way, he
 asked me if I had money
 sufficient and I told him
 I had, and he says if you

get out write and I will
 send you some, he made
 me a short visit and started
 for home. I have not much
 news to write, only that old
 Lee has got back across the river
 just as I expected he would.

There are some of our Generals
 that had better dig a hole and go
 into it and take the hole in
 after them. O pity P. S. that he has
 a spell. I would like to hear
 from you just as soon as you
 get this for it has been a long
 long while since I have heard
 from you, but I told you not
 to write. P. S. send me a paper that
 has the account of the battle in it.

I have heard that George Meiner, &
 Lorenzo Chiffett were wounded.
 Direct to Co C, 154 Regt, Eleventh
 Corps Hospital Near Gettysburg
 Pennsylvania. In care of Dr Brown.
 I shall expect to hear from you soon.
 P. S. write all the news, how the fourth papers
 are and what you are doing. I send you my love
 to all. Good-bye for this time. J. H. Lyon.