

Near Petersburg Va
Camp of 22^d Regt July 15th /'64
Dear Parents & Sister
Well its is middle of
July & I still on the muster
roll at present. 2 months
from to-night our time is up
What do you think of Rebels now
wont they scare Washinton
loafers this time. I pity them
It is a disgrace to the country.
Grant better form a line
on the Potomac & Ohio rivers
& hold that line if he can.
Grant wants men, not things
who enlisted for the Bounty.
Government never ought to
have given a cent as bounty
Men should have been drafted
Good & Poor together

After so long a time I
send for my rifle.
We are to form a Battallion
of 200 & to be attached to
5th Corps Headquarters
You will have to pay the
Express & send the Bill to
me as you do one for a Box
The official who is to command us
is coming on to Washington
himself & bring them to us
Direct in this way

I.E Green
2^d Co 88 22^d Mass Regt
To be called for Washington DC

I saw some of the Ballard
rifles to-day. If you did not
exchange it, just send it on
for it will go it, but they are
verry light. I saw 3 different
kinds of them 2 long ones about

26 inch barrels & one short one

about 20 inch barrel one of them had long telescopes & the others had short ones.

They got 7 at one time & the price of them was 50.

One I saw in another Company cost 75 & another 60 & all

came from Read & Son's

It don't seem as though it

had been over a month

since we crossed James

River. No rain yet

Send the Rifle as soon as

possible & be sure & tell the

Express Company that it is

to remain a few days in the

Washington office. I shall

have to give the Receipt

that you send me to the

officer that is to command

us so he can get it

Hoping to hear from

you soon I remain

Yours Truly

I.E. Green