

Camp near Grove Church June 12
Dear Parents & Sister

I received your letter No. 4
last night & was glad to hear
from you & to hear you were about
the same as you were when I left
home most 2 yrs ago (Does it
seem so long to you) It don't
& seem but a short time since
I saw you 'Father' just as we
crossed Teagers road in front
of Wakefield's, I saw you when
we passed you ~~but~~ but we
were in the best 2 cars & I in the
1st of the 2 & when I got to the door
you had crossed on to the right
side & before I got over through
the crowds we were so far ahead
I could not make you see
me I saw you coming down
& you was in front of Batchelder's

When we left; well I would
have given all I was worth
about that time if I had been
out of it; but I am glad that
I came when I did now for I
think I might have been fool
enough to have stopped till now
or have got into it last summer
& then I would have had to have
staid longer. Counting from
this time, I don't chivy these
fellows that are coming home
now (9 months) for the Bysmen
dispise them (is despise spelt
with an I or an e) & think they
came out to get rid of some-
thing worse. The war is not
going to end just yet.

I saw you Mother going from
the door as we passed & you
"Cind at the door; but never
mind there has better men
than I lived to come home

From Longm was than this
Frank Hawkes is well & is one
of the best men in the Company
The Hawkes that came out &
the Hawkes here now are two
different men,

There is no news to write about
You have probably heard of the
Cavalry fight Tuesday & Wednesday
before this. We went up to Kelly
Ford Wednesday & back 18 miles
~~back~~. The Army seems to be
moving up by us to-day. The
16th Reg^t in 3rd Corp^s passed
this forenoon (all well)
I don't believe we shall see
much fighting this summer
as there is only 2 div^s in this
Corps. I think as I have heard
that we are to act as flank
guards for the army. Bull
Run is where we are work-
ing for certain

There is only 2 Divisions in
this Corps now. One Div of
9 mos' Penn^a men have left
us & there is only about 5,000
in the 2 Div's left where there
should be 30 or 32,000 There
~~about~~ was 16,000 in this Div
(Porters) at Halle's Hill

So Frank has write has he!

We have not been paid off
yet. The whole Potomac Army
has been paid except this Brig
If I cannot come home I shall
save money, but I would like
to come pretty well. I am glad
you did not say anything about
being sick in it.

I have told in one or two letters
that I did not want to
be addressed by the title
of Corp. — — what, I will
be Sergeant soon, sooner
than you think

If the war ~~lasts~~ lasts 14^r
longer I will be Sir

Your Truly

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