

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 yr's ago (Does it  
seem so long to you) It dont  
seem but a short time since  
I saw you 'Father' just as we  
crossed Teayers[?] road in front  
of Wakefield's. I saw you when  
we passed you [but] but we  
were in the last 2 cars & I'm 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 crowd we were so far ahead  
I could not make you see  
me I saw you coming down  
& you was in front of [Batcheldor?]

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 envy these  
fellows that are coming home  
now (9 month's) for the 3 yrs men  
dispise them (is despise spell  
with an l 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 longer wars 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 Regt in 3rd corps 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 working  
for certain

There is only 2 Divisions in  
this Corps now. One div of  
9mos' Penn 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  
[shoul] was 16,000 in this Div  
(Porters) at Hall's Hill  
So Frank has wrote 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 any thing 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. – – wait I will  
be Sergeant soon, sooner  
than you think  
If the war [lasts] lasts 1y'r  
longer I will be [?]  
Yours Truly  
[?] IE Green