

Raleigh N C May 19/65

Dear Cousin

Your long letter written sometime this month came to hand this morning. And to make amends for past neglect, I reply immediately. If you did not get a letter from me after Feb 17<sup>th</sup> until that one I wrote after taking Raleigh, it was not my fault but the fault of the mail carriers for I wrote at least two and I think three letter in that time. I wrote one while in camp near Wilmington from which place I also sent you a paper called the "Herald of the Union" printed in Wilmington which I suppose you did not receive as you never mentioned it. I think I wrote again while near Goldsboro on or about the 22 March. and again while at Rockfish Creek. Bridge on the Wilmington and Weldon RR about 95 miles from the former place. So you must not go back on me because you did not get them. I am surprised that Uncle Manning should sell his beautiful place. What do you sat to our making them another visit?

I am anxious to get home even if there is to be no more fighting. For I want to see him. It will seem to be free once more. It is rumored that we are to be mustered out before our term of service expires. I hope so and then I flatter myself in having a few weeks recreation at Staten Island, New Brunswick, Hempstead and Saratoga and then I shall be homeward bound. Rogers proposes to meet me somewhere in New York, and go home together. I have named Staten Island as a substitute – won't it be pleasant for us to meet there? I may make Uncle Samuel a visit but have not decided. It is raining and I hope it will rain all day – cause why? So I shall not have to drill. I hate these drills and inspections now the war is over and the fewer of them I have to do with the better.

I am glad you were pleased with Burty. I would like very much to have you go there with me if Auntie Pine can spare you when I return. How would you like it?

I will close now so good bye

Yours as Ever  
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