

Camp 147th NY Vols; Balls Cross roads, Va.

May 22nd, 1865.

Dear Parents:

Yours of the 17th is just rec[eived] & I will try & answer as promptly as you ask. I am very much pleased to get so good news from you in regard to your health &C. [etc.] & those arround [sic] you; As regards myself, I am tolerable well; with the exception of being a little out of rig for a few days; I am all right; after I wrote to you before; I went to a Camp at Alexandria; & remained there till the Corps came up & then went to my reg.; I got to it on the 14th. It took the Troops 7 days to march from Richmond through; But I guess I have told you all this before. come to think; as I have written since coming to the Reg. Well we are in the same Camp. & are having good weather just now though we have had three or four quite wet days of late; The 1st day of our Review comes off tomorrow & we go then; I have seen Orra Pursell a couple of times lately. & had a good chat with him day before yesterday; & yesterday Emory came along here on his way to his Reg & I had a visit with him.

I saw him again today: they have moved accross [sic] the river; above Washington: a little way. He is in good health as usual. He saw Warren in Washington; Warren is going to be discharged.

As regards myself & others with me, I cannot say how it will work: But perhaps will know more about it after the Review; though the present prospects is, that, we are to stay a while yet. But I hardly think we will have any thing to do with Mexico; In fact I think that they are trying to induce emigration more than really enlisting men; & therby making a Republic of it; I am so anxious to come home as you are to have me; but if I can't I will have to wait till I can; About the horse trade; As long as I stay here it makes no difference with me, but if I were to come home; I rather think you have spoiled my arrangments [sic]; Because I don't want any old mares & colts; nor yearlings; But something about the style of Jim; in fact I did not care to have you trade, or sell him; all I have to say now that you have got to jockeying is, to do the best you can to save money: & don't trade for the fun of it, for it don' t pay: I will write you again as soon as I hear from you.

The boys with me are well; It is now almost dark & I will have to close; Respects to all.

I want you Both to write as often & as much news as you think I deserve.

Your affectionate Son Albert