

Hospital at City Point, Va

Sunday Eve July 17<sup>th</sup>, '64

Dear Parents,

I will write you a few lines again this evening to let you know how I am prospering, besides as I have been writing to you once a week of late I thought I could not let this day go pas [sic] without again penning a few lines of remembrance [sic] & information to you of whom I often think & wish for your welfare.

Well the paper on the stand just took fire & came pretty [sic] near burning up this sheet, as well as warming my fingers in putting out the fire – [Bottom right corner of paper is burned]

I haven't but little to write this time & I may as well say what I am going to & stop for I am tired & sleepy.

My health has been on the gain the most of the time since I wrote you last, but for a few days I have not felt the best.

I am now at work in a Hospital kitchen here. I have been engaged there since last Wednesday [sic] morning. This cooking establishment is conducted by a lady (an old maid). They way I changed to get this birth was from the reason that the former cook was to leave. His time being out & I was feeling pretty smart so I offered myself & was accepted. I find it rather hard for me just now but am in hopes that I will work into it so I shall make it go all night. We have some help though. I have to take the lead since the other man left. The old lady does but little cooking. We have to cook for our Division Hospital. For all the Patients except those that are on full diet (We cook the Extras)

I am a patient in the hospital yet – or so reported – but I don't take any medicine now. I am in hopes to stand it & get stout & sugged again.

& if I can make it go about right perhaps I can get detailed for that business.

We have a plenty to do & can keep busey [sic] all of the time. What help we have got. & with the conveniences we have there is now about a hundred patients in our Division Hospital & we cook for the most of them.

Things are quiet here & they are making improvements to the hospital every day. they have Iron in all of the wards now.

Things are also quiet in front of us & nothing seems to be going on before Petersburg. the most excitement is on account of the Rebel raid.

I have not heard directly from the Reg yet. & have not had any mail since I left it. I am in hopes to hear from you soon and others.

Write to me here & tell others that are going to write if there is anywhere to direct.

My respects to all.

Tell Addie & Nett to be good girls for me.

& remember me as ever your affectionate son

Albert.