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Dear Nettie,

Thinking you would not take it amiss for me to write after so long a silence I take the opportunity of a few spare moments to drop you a few lines. I have been enjoying excellent health & good spirits, although at times very homesick. I am getting tired of the service & am most anxious to get home with the folks once more.

I have had a very pleasant time since coming here & have been as well treated as man could wish for. I have become acquainted with quite a number of the citizens & have visited at most of their houses. I only visit some three or four young ladies as the majority of them are too secesh. They all treat me well to be sure, but there is something in their manner which I do not like & consequently go among them as little as possible. About the pleasantest place I have been to since being here is Col. A.C. Walker's who resides about 15 miles from the town. There is a lady from New York with her two daughters stopping there & they always do their best to make my stay or visit pleasant & they succeed fully. The place is perfectly "country" & they have all the fruits & vegetables one could wish for. I have been there three times & each time was more sorry to have to come away.

I should not be surprised if I should come home before long as I understand orders have been issued for our discharge. The men are all very anxious to go home & get their pay, as they have received none now for nearly eleven months & their families are suffering for the want of it.

Genl. Molineux I suppose will leave here for home very soon as I think Genl. Steedman has some officer whom he wants to put in command. I know he is very anxious to go home as he thinks he has done his duty fully by his country, to which all who know him can testify. The citizens of this place all express a hope that he will be retained in command here, as all his doings have been strictly just & satisfactory to all.

Hoping this finds all well. With love to all & hoping soon to be home,

I remain
With love
Frank

Kiss the "babies" for me.