

~~Dear~~ Remember the 15/69
tho my cousin it is with
greats of Pleasure that i take
my Pen in hand to inform
You that i am well at present
and seriously hope these
few may find enjoying the
same blessing i have been
dearly interesting in the
th well fare of my dear kindred
at home and to my surprize
and sorrow rather thinking that
you all in taking up so instantly
without terrible good luck
had created great loses if
write you should write any
thing you or felt to take
Place or that you are to go
to do & if should not take
Place or is not done you
should write a mediately if
the case be certifiable the
the next day you should

as soon as the nature of ease
would admit so if it were
sat rise our minds would
not be so long blasted
with it i can tel you that
i can not write to often for i
have wrote severl letters
and was sadly disapointed
in hopes of getting answers
give you to know that a
letter from home is quite
con soling to soldiers that
cannot get the news of the
day as for uncle James i
have not received a the
scratch of a pen though
i honored him with two and
aunt Sarah wrote three but
i never got one of them so i
was inform by laese Embry
i got one of mary and elen
Embry i like to get one from
home and like got it before

i be sore got to hoston i
had not wrote a letter
she did not know I really
where i was the Captin said
this this morning that Charles
newton is now in virginia
was the first of my knowing
where he was since he wrote
to me from north carolina i
heard he was gone there but
it was dis tuted though i
suppose it so and i expect
he is faring beter than we
are thier several others with
him that have got well
and they nothing to do but
have some they drill us
tel we cannot rest sometimes
several of the be have got
sick and had to leave the
ranks and some fainted and
fell but the old horse
never ben raised i was sick

which i thought was a
bout rasle me down to
the foot of the hill i am
a bout write now though
i have not drilled for 6
weeks take God care of the
girls thier have ben no real
movements here since about
last only they have ben
great of so tifying and mounting
guns morters they that some
of them will throw a ball 100
pound in weight The show
no great sign of eight to Colard
regiments here the 1st 54 first
and second South Carolina A
& Pennsylvania second north
Carolina is here i have nothing
to drink worth Steaking of
The quar ter master gives us
a little when we come from
work at night though we have
more cant and now we can

SOLDIER'S LETTER.

M. Powell

Chaplain

65th Regt Mass. Infantry.

Due 3

Mr Matthias Embury

Bruceville

Ind



November the 18th, 1863

To my cousin:

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well at present and seriously hope these few may find enjoying the same blessing.

I have been deeply interested in the welfare of my dear kindred at home and to my surprise and sorrow rather thinking that you all in turning up so instantly without terribly good luck has created great losses if write you should write anything you expect to take place or that you are a-going to do, if it should not take place or is not done. You should write immediately if the case be certified the next day you should as soon as the nature of case would admit.

So if it were surprise our minds would not be so long flusterated with it. I can tell you that cannot write too often for I have wrote several letters and was sadly disappointed in hopes of getting answers . Give you to know that a letter from home is quite consoling to soldier that cannot get the news of the day as for Uncle James I have not received the scratch of a pen though I honored him with two and Aunt Sarah wrote three but I never got one of them so I was informed by Luoise Embry. I got one of Mary and Ellen Embry, I like to get one from home and like got it before I got to Boston. I had not wrote a letter, she did not know precisely where I was.

The Captain said this morning that Charles Newton is now in Virginia, was the first of my knowing where he was since he wrote to me from North Carolina. I heard he was gone there but it was disputed though I

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suppose it so and I expect he is faring better than we are. There are several others with him that have got well and they have nothing to do but have fun. They drill us till we cannot rest sometimes several of them be have got sick and had to leave the ranks and some fainted and fell but the old horse never been fazed (?)

I was sick which I thought was about rassle me down to the foot of the hill, I am about right now though I have not drilled for 6 weeks.

Take good care of the girls There have been no real movements here since I wrote last only they have been great of fortifying and mounting gun mortars. They thought that some of them will throw a ball 400 pound in weight. They show no great sign of fight, blockade regiments here the 55th First and Second South Carolina Pen Sylvania Second North Carolina is here. I have nothing to drink worth speaking of the quartermaster gives us a little when we come from work at night though we have moved camp and now we can

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