

NAN TO MACK

My Dear companion Mc. I seat my self this evening to comence a letter to you truly hoping it may find you in the enjoyment of good health. we are all well but Father he is quite unwell yet but is better than when I rote to you before we have not had but one letter from Al and Lydai cince Al got home and that was befor Al started to Mich Mc it is raining nicely this evening and every thing looks spring like but some way or other my hart is sad this evening I have filled my self up eaver cince you was wounded with the Idea that you would get to com home if not to stay I thought it would be a great pleasure to even be to geather too or three week and talk all over the things that have transpired cince our seperation but now if you do not get a discharge it will be a long time perhaps before we will have the privalige of seeing each other and talking face to face but we will try and make the best of it

Thursday I have bin working to day and just got my cloths out in time for them to get a good weeting [wetting] it is poaring down rain and the wind blowing like every thing. Baby is a sleep he can sit a lone on the floor and begins to hould things in his little fat hands he is the greatest Baby for company I eaver saw if there is aney one in the hous talking he wont suck his tity but wants to be looking round and seeing what is going on and he thinks evry word that is said is said to him but every one calls him a good Baby there was too little girls he[re] the other day it was a pretty warm day they would cary him out all round he liked the fun as well as they did well I will just say he is a very smart Boy and say no more about him this time onely I wish you could see the little toad

Mc I am at a loss for something to right that would be of interest to you but if you were here I dont think I should be at a loss for some thing to talk about for one week anney how I should like to know what the folks are doing out home these times, and how they got along with the last call for men wheather ther was a Draft or not in woodbridge

I begin to want to see the folks there the worst kind but I dont think I shall attempt to go back till you get out of the army and go too Mc you will know by theis righting that I have got a miserble pen to right with some times it will make a mark and some times it wont just as the notion takes it

well I supose you are lear[n]ing to cook and that will be very handay when I get right lazy I can cox [coax] you to help me do the cooking cant I Mc

now I bring this to a close hoping it wil find you well and in good spirits and with a good prspect [prospect] of getting your discharge and comeing home soon Some times I think you will and some times I think you will not get of on acount of your eye but I think that aught to exempt a man

Saturday morning all well going to town to day be a good boy right soo[n] from your trew wife Nan Still prey for me Mc I am in a hury good by Nan

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Note: This is the undated letter referred to by father in his letter of Apr. 6, and which he thought was written April 3, as it was posted on that date. At the top of the letter is a notation in father's hand in red ink: "Not dated. I make it Aprile 3de." To the best of my judgment it was written Mar. 29, 30 & April 1 (Sat.) and was posted Apr. 3. Mother's letter of Apr. 2 & 3 (Sun. & Mon.) was posted Apr. 4. The "Thursday" preceeding was Apr. 1. This letter was commenced prior to Thursday Mar. 30, and I assume that it was the day before, so am regarding this letter as commenced Mar. 29, 1865.