

MACK TO NAN

Saturday Aug 20th 64, fairfax V.A.

My Dear Nan I now seat my self again to right a few lines to you. I just a few minits ago got your letter of the 1th and 13th I was very glad to hear from you again and glad that your health is good. Nan your letter or part of it was written at Clintons Nan I wood like to have been with you there for I know that I wood have enjoyed the visit the best kind. beside it wood be the greatest comeformt to me to have been with you. I cood have and will have the best visit that I ever had, if I am permitted to return and find you well and all my friends. What a visit we will have wont we Nan, but we will have to be patient and wait till the time comes around but I hope that time is not far distant. Nan I hope you had a good and pleasant visit to franklin. I was glad you got my letter before you went I wrote one last Sunday to you and I said in that letter that I wood right again this week, but I have not written untill now. Sow you need not think that the letter is misplaced for I did not right it. the reason why I thought that I wood get a letter from home. I expect every day and I thought that mabe I wood hear something from home that you wood like to hear, but I have not had any news from home since I rote to you last. I got a letter from andy dated the 16th his health was tolerable good his finger was healing up he thought he wood get his furlow next week and go home. Nan my hand is so nervious that I can hardly right it is now 1/2 past 11oclock and I am offal hungry. that is why I am so nervious. I will stop now till after dinner and then I will right som more. now it is 1/2 2 and I will right a little more. Nan our Mich State Agent was here a few minits ago he came over from Washington to se us 2ond Mich Boys. he said they cood not find any papers to show that we have been mustered into the U.S. Serviceand he said he had went to the Secratary of War and laid our case before him to act upon either to produce our papers or send us home. the Agent wood not pay us any thing or give any incouragement about it. I dont care if they cant find my papers. then I will be a few dog instead of a tied houn. I told the Agent that I needed some money to by tobaco and stamps. So he opened his free Heart and condesended down from above and gave me all of then cents. I thanked him very kindly and told him I wood replace it if I ever got the opportunity I am afraid the poor man will suffer before he gets it, indead I though it took hold of him in the comenceing very savage from the way he pinched it. I have never had any letter from Dewitt yet. but andy rote in his letter that Bess had got 4 letters from him since the fight. I suppose he is all right. I have never had but one letter from All [Al] since he was wounded. that one I got when I was at City Point. Andy brought it to me from the Regt when he was wounded. I wood have wrote to him at Philadelphia but I heard a spell ago that there was a host of the Boys sent of from there to the front and I did not now but Al was sent off two. I wood like to hear from him bully. Andy rote that Jim todods wife was dead She was berried the 12th of Aug. Nan did you get the picture that I sent to you in my last letter. I thought that was a pretty little girls picture. now I have rote about all I can think of I guess I wont finish this till after the male come in tomorrow mabe I will get a letter from home and then I can tell you what the news is at home. now I will say good by for today. well Nan I took another notion I will fill this sheet out today and finis[h] on an other sheet. you spoke of it being so offal hot and dry there. well it has been offal hot and dry here all the sseason until for the last week past it has been showery. and yesterday last night and today we are getting a steady east rain. it is raining now a pretty good shin and it is comeformtable cool. I wood not wonder if it wood rain for a week now. well I guess I will close this sheet now for I hant much more room. there is prayer meeting to night but if it rains I think I wont go. I was to a temperance meeting last night. Em rote to Andy that cook and Wheeler talke of getting up a co of soldier. Drinker had sent for a commission for capt. Mc Nan. good by

I was at prayer meeting last night. it has stoped raining is clearing off and so warm today. I must right to Em and dad.

Mc Nan right soon

Sunday 21st Now I have waited till the mail has come. I got a letter from Lib and one from Hank Smith. Libs letter was dated the 14th and 15th the folks was all well. Pap Mother and Ben and Net had gon to Williams Co on a visit to visit old Billy Mcs [McNeill's] folks before they left. Lib said the small pox was raging up in Camden one of the Hanses wife died with it and Dr Cohs wife had them. Nan Lib said that they had been to Billys the day she rote they was well and had got a letter from you and Em had got one from you. Lib said you was oneasy about me you thought I did not right to you how bad I was. Well Nan I dont want you to think I am dangerous for I dont think so. I am better than I was and I have been wors at Home with that pain in my than I have been here. but I never was troubled this time of the season, but the cause of that pain was over doing my-self in runing as hard as I cood for a quarter of a mile with my nap sack catrage [cartridge] box and gun all on my back. when we made a charge on the Rebs on the 17th of June it was about noon and was an offal hot day and we run across a large corn field and you knlow that 2 or 3 thousand men wood all on the double quick wood rais an offal dust. So the dust and over heat and violent excise together and catching cold two was what caused it. you no that I cood not stand it to run much any how. but I am getting along firstrate, although I dont feel so well as I did aweek ago but it is because I have caught cold it being rainy and damp for a few days past. but I am hearty to Eat as a buck. now Nan don't think that I am wors than I right to you. but there is one thing that I do think. I dont think that I will be of much a count to Uncle Sam this winter I have to stay here for you know that I most always have a cold in the winter, but maby I will be tougher this winter than common. I hope so. I must answer Ems letter that I got last Sunday and I must right to dad and mam to day. Nan I wish we was at home to go to Sunday School and meeting to day. Nan I must stop for a while the Chaplain has just came in this Ward to have preaching. Now it is 15 minits till 3 P.M. the Chaplain has preached a firstrate good sermon. he did not have it wrote off today. if you wood like to [know] his text you will find it in the 24th Chaper of Joshua and 15th verse. there is preaching again at 3 oclock at the Chapel. I guess I wont go, for it is only 15 minits till preaching time. there is prayer meeting tonight at the Chapel I am going to the prayer meeting. Nan I wish you cood be here with me tonight to go with me to meeting, but I will go and be as well contented as I can. Nan I got another paper from you maled the 10 I thought those verses was very nice and they seamd to be composed just to soot[he] our sorrow for our little one. Nan I have cut them out of the paper to preserve them. Nan I guess I will send them back to you for you can keep them better than I can. Nan keep them for I think they are nice. Nan I wish we could be together one Sundays if no other time we cood spend the day so cheerful and happy going to meeting and Sunday School but we trust in God that the day wil come when we will not be deprived of this happiness. we will trust him who is able to bring us through this world of danger with out being harmed or hurt. now I will stop for this time hoping this letter will find you and all the friends well. give my love to your Father and mother and the boys. right soon. tell all the news. good by for this time. from your true Heart
Mc Nan.