

## MACK TO NAN

Sep Sunday 25th  
Camp near the Williams House Va

My Dear Companion again I Seat my Self to address a Sort letter to you hoping it will find you well and in good Spirits We are all well this morning. Bess Sent D C two jackson Standards this morning he is reading now very loud as you know he always does when he gets to read Some funny peaces that is often found in that paper. Al is Setting close by whetting his jack knife and listning at him D C read. well Nan I did not get any letter this mornng from you as I expected I wood but I know there is one on the road to me if you are able or well enough to write. D C got a letter yesterday from Bess. the folks was all well when She wrote. I have not got any letter from home for Severel days. Pap Sent me Some tobacco and one dollar and Some paper and envelopes. Al got a letter yesterday from Lydia. they was all well when She wrote. I have no news of importance to [write] today as there has not been any thing new turned up Since I wrote to you last. only we are Still laying in camp and we dont have much work to do now. our Regt hant been on fatigue Since last thursday. that day our regt went out about 2 miles from our Camp and dug pits for the pickets. we went out on what is Called the Jerusalem plank road our Regt hant been out there on picket yet but I think we will go tomorrow or next day. there is no danger there yet for our pickets and the johneys are most a mile a part. a whole Regt goes out at one time. it is rumored in Campt that the 9th A. C. [Army Corps] is going to leave the Army of the Potomac and be Sent to the Shanondoah valey. how true the report may be I dont know but I Shouldnt wonder if it wood be true for old Burnside is mad at Mead and he Says he wont have any Command under Mead and also he wont Command any Corps only the 9th So I think that old Burny will take us away from here. I hope So any how D C got a Hillsdale Standard yesterday and it Said that Lieut E A Sherman was dead he died at Home in Hillsdale Nan be Sure and direct your letters to the 9th A.C. for if we do leave this army then your letters will go to the 9th Corps no odds where it is. yesterday D C Al and me and Sam Heksel went about one mile in front of our works to a old plantation and picked a good mess of green beans we borrowed one of the Cooks kittles and boiled a bout half of them with a chunk of pork for Super yesterday eavening they went bully. we have got enough for another mess but we are all to lazy to cook them today. there hant been any meeting to day yet in our Regt. I dont know why for our Col[onel] told us the other day that we wood have preaching to day and every Sunday that we Stade in Camp here. our Col is March from Hillsdale the Boys from Hillsdale think a good deal of him but the old vets dont like him very well. now I will Stop for today and finish this tomorrow. good by for this time. Mc Nan Ewing.

Beautiful Monday morning

Sept 26th. now I will conclude my letter. this morning I was the happy recipient of your kind and welcomed letter dated Sept 16th. I was very glad to get it and hear of your continued good health. I also found enclosed in your letter one dollar. Nan this comes in good place but I had rather you wood keep what little money you get for I know you need it worse than I do. as for clothing you know that uncle Sam will keep me comfortable with out money and you have to have clothing to make you comfortable and you must have money to get the things that you need and I dont expect that I will be paid for most two months yet for I have never been musterd for pay with the regt for I was at the Hospital when the boys or when the Regt was mustered for pay. now Nan keep and use all the money you get and make your Self comfortable as you can. pap Sent me a dollar and 3 plugs of tobacco the other day So I got a dollar from you today So I will get along very well for a long time. the pay masters of Some Regts are here now paying Some of the Regts but our Regt hant been paid yet. Nan you wanted to know wether I had learned the art of patching and darning yet. well Nan I tell you that I think I can do Such work just about right but again I hant been under the necessity of doing Such work yet. but I hant drew any clothes only one Shirt and one pr of drawers and one cap Since I drew clothing in Hillsdale. oh yes I drew a

new woolen blanket and another rubber blanket. yes I have my old ruber but I had it Shot full of holes in the fight at petersburg on the 17th of june. as for Socks I have not darned any yet. they do not need darning very bad yet there is Small holes in the toes but I hant thought it necessary to darn them yet. my pants is good yet I hant had to patch any yet. you know I threw my dress coat away last Spring So my blouse is all the coat that I have got and it is all I want yet. it will last me all this winter. you wood think that clothes wood ware out worse than they do laying on the ground and Skuffing them as much as we have to Skuff them. my boots is good yet and keep my feet dry. boots will ware twice as long here as the[y] will in Mich because there is not So much lime in the ground. a pair of boots here is worth 12 dollars. O but I think I can pach and darn pretty well. Nan you Said you had yarn to knit me Some Socks. well Nan I do not need them now nor I wont need them for a long time yet. Nan I can draw Socks here and they wont be charged to me near So high as you can Sell Socks for at home if you need money Sell the Socks when you get them knit and I can draw Socks here any time. now I must either Stop or get another peace of paper. but I dont know as I can think of any more to write that you wood want to read. but I will have to get an other peace any how to make up a good finish. this is the last end. Well Nan we are haveing a nice time now for Soldiers. we are Still in camp and we dont have any thing to do or we hant been on duty only for battalion drill and dress parade Since last thursday. but the Boys all think that our Regt will go on pickett tomorrow. I had as Soon go on picket as not where we have to go for there ant any johneys near the picket line there. Nan you Said you did not want me to turn butter nut. well I guess I wont turn butter nut but I did for a while almost begin to think that I cood not be a Republican any longer but I have made up my mind that Old Abe is the man for president any how. I cant think McLelon wood will be Supported by any copperheads. he had lots of friends here for a while untill the platform came out. then he lost thousands of friends which old Abe will find. I am for ald Abe nan. tru blue. Nan there was offal hard caonading all day yesterday and all day today on our right. it is 6 or 8 miles from here it is jenerel Butlers forces that is fighting now but we can hear the Canon very plain. we hant heard how they are making it out. Byron Lewis Hank Smith was over here to Se us this fore noon. Ben Hylliard and john Beaver is here in our tent now talking with Al and Dewitt. the Boys are all well and harty. now I must Close this letter hoping it will find you well and in good Sperits. Nan keep in good heart and trust in god that the day draws nigh when we will meet again on the earth. pray for your absent Husband and true lover. let us be faithful and keep in good Sperits. hoping to meet each other again Soon. Nan write Soon as you can. good by. Dear Nan. Mc to Nan.

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Note: As the foregoing concludes the letters from father to mother for the month of September, 1864, I will here quote some entries from father's diary: On page 9 I find: "Henry McEwing wounded and taken sick on the 17th of June, 1864. Left the Regt on the 17th went to the division hospital. Staid there until the 19th of June, then moved to City Point hospital." "Detailed for nurse on the 28th day of June." "Reported sick the second time on the 16th of July taken on the 8th with a severe headache." On page 11 I find: "Left City Point July 22nd at noon. Got to Ft Monroe at 6 P.M. Run on a sand bar on the Chespeak Bay at 12 at night. Stayed there till 2 oclock the 23rd of July. Shoved off. Steamed till 8 at night then anchored till day light. then steamed to Alexandry. got there at 10 A.M. July 24." On page 12 I find: "Got to the hospital at 2 P.M." "Received a five dollar greenback from Father Aug 3rd 1864." "left Fairfax Ceminary Hospital Aug 29th. went to the Convelessent Camp, or Camp distribution." "Left Camp distribution Sept 2nd 1864." "Got to the Regt Sept 4th. 64"

Note: Lt. Colonel Edwin J. March was wounded on June 18, 1864 at Petersburg and was given on honorable discharge on April 17, 1865, due to "poor health."

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