

MACK TO NAN

City Point Hospital July 4th 1864

My Dear Nancy,

I thought that as long as I had nothing else to do I wood write you an other short letter as I wrote one to you yesterday I will not have much to write about to day. Nan do you remember where we were one year ago to day. O yes I know that you have thought many a time today all about the pleasure we took together then, but I hope we will live to enjoy the 4th of 1865 together. Nan you did not say wether there were any thing going in Jackson to day or not. well Nan this is the and has been the stillest 4th of July that I have spent for several years. there are nothing going on here to day more than common. only I went this morning and got some lemmons and sugar and mad a pail of lemmonade which was bully. I tell you. It is now 4 oclock and I am offal tierd of setting around and doing nothing. Nan we had 25 or 26 men in one tent but they took them all out on the first day of July and sent the most of them off to other hospitals so you se that we have had nothing to do only to fix up our tent in good order. there are 4 of us nurces here together in this tent. they are tolerable good kind off fellows only they all swear but that don't hurt me any for I don't partake with their wickidness any. I don't know how soon there will be a lot of sick and wounded here for us to take care off. I wrote in one letter for you not to right to me for a while. then I rote yesterday as soon as you cood. I say this in this letter for fear that you get the first one and don't get the one I sent yesterday. there has not been as much canonading to day as common I don't know why. I expected that there wood be lots of it today. it is rumered here that grant has orderd Rebel Lea to surrender Petersburg again 6 oclock his evening or he will burn the place down. I hop Leas Army will surrender. but I know that is not any ways likely untill they have to. Nan I rote in my letter yesterday that I had went down to our Regt. and got a letter from you dated the 12th of June. but it seams as though you don't get half of my letters I wish they wood go through better. Nan Capain Ricaby was wounded he was wounded in the arm they said his arm was broke and that the erecipolis had set in very bad so that they thought he wood have to have his arm cut off or it wood kill him. I hant heard from Andy since he left here I expect he will get a furlow home. I wrote to you all about his being wounded but may be you did not get the letter. so I will say again that he was wounded in the left hand on the 26th of June. I think he will loose the largest finger on the left hand. I hant had but one letter from Al since he has been in the hospital. I suppose that you have heard from him oftener than that. I wood like to come to Jackson this summer and se you and all the folks but I will have to be patient for a while. I hope the time aint very far distant when we will meet again. Nan this has been a long day for me. Nan I may stay in the hospital all sommer and I may not stay a week I cant tell any thing about it. My Ward Master told me today that if he cood manage it he wood put me in charge of a ward so if I get promoted from nurce to Ward Master it is more than likely that I will stay here for a while. if Al or Andy or some of our boys wer here so I cood see them I cood stand it first rate but I get offal lonesom some times. now I must close give my love to all your folks. tell them all to right to me. now don't forget to right to often good by Nan Mc

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