

ANDY TO MACK

1865

Camp Neare Petersburg Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

Brother Mc

I Now Will answer your Cind letter that I Received yesterday Morning I [was] glad to here that you Was still Well and your wound Was Doing so Well I am enjoying Midling good health Now Sam is Well D.C has gon home on afurlow he started Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 in the Morning at this time he is Injoying the Co of his Family and the rest of our folks if he has had good luck which I hope he has had perhapse you will get aletter from him or some one from there be fore you get this one I hope that you will get your Discharge and if you Cant try to be tra[n]sferred to Detroit to go in the Invalide Corps for then you can get to go home once and awhile I think if you will get the state agent to help you you Can get your Discharge Dont ever think of coming back here for I am afraid that there will be Some hard fighting to be Done yet some times I think that We will have pease be fore long but you now that the Rebs are spunkey and Mad so they may fight Just as long as they can get an army to gether and if they are or Wantwo they can Make an other Campain any way. DC will Come back on 28<sup>th</sup> if he comes on time he had only 20 days to go on Well Mc Corpel Beard and private havens and Isaac youngs and Free havens and Frank ford and tomma Weston has all come back to Co. D so now we have 21 guns in Co. D when we move from here then H and D will be Dived [divided] tom sanford sais that he wants me to help him cook so I think I will get in to be cook after awhile what you think

Well Mc we have not got any pay yet so of corse we will be mustered now before we get paid. yes D.C has bin Permoted to Sargent and Bute Made Cor [corporal] and Mccertchey is Cor [corporal] in H. Well you wanted to now if or [our] Division was in that fight I answer Now [no] the 3 Divison was in it and the 2<sup>nd</sup> was under Marching orders We laid on our arms one night thinking that the Rebs would try to brake through our lines some where we still lay in the same hole that we did when you left aus [us] I dont now when we will leave here you perhapse now More about how the fight Came of than what I do for I only see apaper now and then there is all cinds of camp rumors you now how it is but I dont think grant done what he though he could Do. there is not any Deserter now hardly what Does come over say that they think there will be pease soon or there would be lots Desert. I hope they tell the truth

Well Mc I recon that you think lots of your baby['s] picture I wish I could se it for I now it would look Cunin [cunning]. Well perhapse you have herd that I am supposed to be the father of an other Girl baby. yes it is so I recon it was borne on 3th of this month Emily was doing well I got aletter from home yesterday morning dated 7<sup>th</sup> Well I am glad that it is ove[r] with the rest of the folks was all well Well Mc we don't have so much shooting on the picket line now as when you was here and there has not bin ashell throwed from either side for severel days here upon the left they had heavy shelling Mach[ines] yesterday there was a Capt out of the 20 Michigan ciled yesterday he was riding along the lines ashort Distance on the left of aus asharp[s]h]ooter plugged him through Died in afew minete we have Regamental in spiction at 12 to Day and at 2 Brigade in spection. I dont now whether you can read this or not for I have writen it in ahury for after in specton I will have to go on picket and it has bin raining some and looks as if it will be abad night on picket there was agun fired of on the left Just now they perhapse will get at it here after awhile now I wil close write often A.E to Mc

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Note: The daughter Andy refers to was Emma Jane, born on February 3, 1865. Emily Smith was Andy's wife and mother of the baby girl.