

NAN TO MACK

Sunday 25

My Dear Companion I got a letter from Andrew las[t] night stating that you was wounded I did not get the letter till last night the 24 I do hope you are better by this time I had rote a letter to you last week but did not send it to the office so I broke it open to right some more in it. Mc I was sorry to get such sad news from you but I hope and prey that you may recover I want you to get a furlough and come out here as soon as you get abble but dont venture to come if you can come till you are out of daneger of getting could in your wound O Mc how I would like to bee with you to take care of you but under the circumstances I think I dare not think of trying to come to you for the baby is so yong that it could not stand the exposure
O I do hope yu are most well by this time I will hope and pray that your life may still be spared to come home to your little famely So good by from your trew companion Nan to Mc take good care of your self not to be exposed

Note: This letter was posted at Jackson, Ohio, Dec. 26, 1864, and was directed to father's regiment address and then forwarded, likely by uncle Andrew, to Jarvis Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

At this writing she had not yet received father's letter of the 18th.

The letter she received from Andrew the 24th was written by him the 13th, the day father was wounded.

The bee-line distance between them was less than 400 miles, yet it took mail from 10 to 12 days to go from point to point. I was 8 days old when the news of my birth reached my father, and father had been in the hospital 11 days when mother heard that he had been wounded.

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