

ANDY EWING TO MACK

Camp Neare Peters Burg Va 1865
Feb 25th

Brother Mc I Received yours of the 19 [and] the 23. I Was glad to here from you again but sory to here that you have bin exposed to the small pox. but I hope you will Not take them if you do be very careful of your self and of what you Eat for they are Dangerous if not treated well and good care taken of one you now [know] I am prity well at presant only abad cold I have but I dont think worth complaining of it Well Mc We had bad luck here in camp the 22 our forts opened to selebrate Washington burth day of corse they would Direct there shots for at the Rebs forst so they opened on aus. so they throwed some over in our camp you recollect James Weston I think he got back after you left. Poore Boy he was struck with a solled [solid] shell on his thighs and it Nocked both of them of but alitle scin the ole Man Cart right of Co F. ws struck on one of his leggs below his nee it took it all most of and Sargent Belay [Bealy] ordaly [orderly] of Co H. was struck buy the side of his ancle put it out of plase but smashed it up very bad all this was done with one shell Weston Died before he got to the hospital and Cartright soon after he got there Bealy will get well if nothing happens [to] him but he may have to loose his leag yet if not he will be acrippel I think. they all and lots more of the boys was up to the flankers for asafe plase this shell came through one of the flankers before it struck any one it is awonder it had not hurt more than it did for there was a dausin [dozen] or more behind that same one if they had all of stayed in there own quarters they would all bin safe Weston was on picket a dy [day] or two before and stood looking through the port hole there was aball came through Just Cut the hide open on the side of his fase but Not bad enough to send him to the hospital those is the only ones that has ben hert buy shelling since I have bin here Well Mc We got the Nuse here 2 day ago to the Co that is that Alven hank is exchanged and at Camp paroll M.D. I expect you will here of it before you get this I did not here anything more about him

Well Mc I have went to our lieutenant to see if he had sent youre Descriptive list he sais he has not had any orders to send it yet he sais Just as soon as you can get yourDoc to send for it he will send it rite of, but he cant send it till he gets such orders so you get your Doc to send for it for you Anderson is gon home on afurlow his time is all most up John Hardee is lieu of Co. D. he was the ordely last spring and wounded at the Wilderness I think he is anis [a nice] fellow he seems to be any way he sais anderson had nothing cept [kept] right and he has lots of work to get thing as they should bee so I think you can get the Doctor to send for it you will get it We have not got paid yet well Mc there is Deserters Comeing in every night from 5 to 25 every night in oure Division and they say they are coming in on the left buy Co I think this thing is gon up there was a dispatch come here yesterday that Williamgton is taken there was a salute fired from every gun along our lines one shot each yesterday the Johneys fired some in answer Sherman was reported ciled but then it was reported not so for he was all rite I hope he is I had aletter from Emily Night before last she was getting along prity well when writen the Baby was 10 days old she said she had washed the baby and Dressed it that morning D.C. was Just gowing rite in I recon his time for starting is up to day for his time is out the last day of this Month all of the boys is well sam is sam yet now I Will close and Write to Em write as soon as you get this for I feal on easy fear that you will have the small pox good buy for to day A.A.E. to Bro Mc Ewing

Note: Thomas Weston enlisted in Company D at Hillsdale on March 29, 1864 at the age of 24. He was killed at Petersburg on February 22, 1865. His brother James at age 18 enlisted in the same company on the same date and was discharged on July 26, 1865 with a Surgeon's certificate of disability. William Cartwright of Detroit enlisted in Company F on March 2, 1864 and was killed at Petersburg on the same day as Thomas Weston. He was 44 when he died. All three were with the Second Michigan Infantry.

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