

6th Letter

Co. C. 24th Ala. Regiment
Near Dalton Saturday July 20th 1864

My Dear Peter

This is Saturday night & I am all alone in my little "log cabin" & for the purpose of passing off a lonely hour between this & bed time I have concluded to write you a short letter. I intended writing you this morning but unfortunately was put on duty and consequently did not have time. I have been riding pretty much all day attending to various & sundry things & feel somewhat fatigued, but not too much so to prevent me from writing. Some how or other I always feel an inexhaustible pleasure or delight while writing to my "dear fond one far away" & never like to let an opportunity pass without writing. It has been very cold the last two or three days.

Ice is almost as plentiful as it has
been any time during the winter. The
ground is frozen as hard as a rock &
remains so during the day. Since
I returned from home I have been
sleeping by myself & I get very
cold every night. Sometimes my
feet get so cold that I cannot
sleep & have to get up to the fire &
warm them. I have plenty of cover
but still some how or other I cannot
keep warm. I don't think that I
sleep more than half the night. My
dear Betty & the children, - home & the
dear ones there occupy my thoughts
all the while. It has only been
three days I believe since I last
wrote you & consequently have nothing
of much interest to write you. My
health still continues good. I
have not taken the mumps yet
but would not be surprised

if I should have them any day.

I have been doing tolerably well only the last few days in the eating line. I bought 16 lbs of Flour three days ago for which I paid 16¢.

only think 1¢ a pound for Flour pretty tolerable dear eating, in its kind.

But I get so tired eating corn bread some times that I am willing to give any price for a change.

At the present price of eatables, I fear that I will not be able to save much money to send home to you.

"What do you think". I joined the Masons a few nights ago. We have a Lodge in our Brigade which meets nearly every night. They built a very comfortable house some time ago in which they hold their meetings. Two Divisions of troops were sent from here to Missi.

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also to take command. It seems
that the people are beginning to lose
confidence in Gen. Polk. They are
beginning to look rather "squally"
there. I must confess. But still
I hope all will come out right yet.
It does look to me as if the whole
of Sherman's army might be captured
if any thing is managed properly.
I hope that you all will not become
unnecessarily alarmed. The Yankees
are a long way off from you yet.
Newt is very well. Every thing
here quite as usual. But from present
indications I would not be surprised if
we should have a move any day. The
sick have all been ordered away. I
hope I shall have another letter from you
soon. — Good Bye. God Bless you
Your devoted Husband Newton

Hd. Qrs. 24th Ala. Regiment.
Near Dalton Saturday Feb. 20, 1864.

My dear Bettie:

This is Saturday night & I am all alone in my little "log cabin" & for the purpose of passing off a lonely hour between this & bed time I have concluded to write you a short letter. I intended writing you this morning but unfortunately was put on duty and consequently did not have time. I have been riding pretty much all day attending to various & sundry things & feel somewhat fatigued, but not too much so to prevent me from writing. Some how or other I always feel an inexpressible pleasure or delight while writing to my "dear fond one far away" & never like to let an opportunity pass without writing. It has been very cold the last two or three days.

Ice is almost as plentiful as it has been any time during the winter. The ground is frozen as hard as a rock & remains so during the day. Since I returned from home I have been sleeping by myself & I get very cold every night. Sometimes my feet get so cold that I cannot sleep & have to get up to the fire & warm them. I have plenty of cover but still some how or other I cannot keep warm. I don't think that I sleep more than half the night. My dear Bettie & the children, ----home & the dear ones there occupy my thoughts all the while. It has only been three days I believe since I last wrote you & consequently have nothing of much interest to write you. My health still continues good. I have not taken the mumps yet but would not be surprised if I should have them any day. I have been doing tolerably well only the last few days in the eating line. I bought 10 lb. of flour three days ago for which I paid \$10. Only think \$1 a pound for Flour pretty tolerable dear eating, is it not. But I get so tired eating corn bread some times that I am willing to give any price for a change. At the present price of eatables, I fear that I will not be able to save much money to send home to you.

"What do you think". I joined the Masons a few nights ago. We have a Lodge in our Brigade which meets nearly every night. They built a very comfortable house some time ago in which they hold their meetings. Two Divisions of troops were sent from here to Miss. Gen. Hardee has been sent there also to take command. It seems that the people are beginning to lose confidence in Gen. Polk. Things are beginning to look rather "equally" there I must confess, but still I hope all will come out right yet. It does look to me as if the whole of Sherman's Army might be captured if every thing is managed properly. I hope that you all will not become unnecessarily alarmed. The Yanks are a long way off from you yet. Newt is very well. Everything here quite as usual, but from present indications I would not be surprised if we should have a move any day. The sick have all been ordered away. I hope I shall have another letter from you soon. Good Bye. God Bless you.

Your devoted Husband,
Newton.