

Camp Near Brandy
Station Virginia.

Dear Brother- I now sit down to let you know how i am. I am well and hope this will find you the same. it is pretty cold here now. i am a-going to have a soldiers memorial of the Company. it will be about the size of a candle and a foot and a half long. i thought i would tell you about it. so that you would know what it when it come. if you have drawn that money all right i wish you would send me five dollars if you can spare it. there is one thing i should like to out. perhaps you remember when i was sick at camp grifen. you know herbert taylor wrote a letter for me about that time we were paid of

i let Lieutenanant persons of Company A. have ten dollars to send home. he gave me a receipt for it. i do not know why i sent this receipt to you or not. what made me think of it know i was asking mother about it when i was there. she said she had not got it i wish you would see if you can get any track of it by looking ove the old letters. about the memoriall you can open it. but keep it clean. i will tell you about my tent and mates. we have a tent for four. it is built of large logs split into thin slabs. it is built four feet high, the door on one side and the fireplace on the other the bunks on each end two feet from the ground. with the same as three tents over it. Rosco fisher and i sleep together and Oaks and Ingram. fisher is a small fellow he only a little over two hundred

he sleeps the fore side and makes a very good breastwork. he is as good boy as there is in the company. he is a brick. ingram is wood choper. they have to draw all our wood, they draw it a good way. so we do not have much each day. but we have plenty of wood all the time. It is morning with

us now. i have just finished smoki-
ng my mearsham. and taken my pen
to finish my letter. I am runing
the shanty alone today fisher and
Oaks went on picket this morning.
Ingram is chopping. last knight
when i was writing this
i recived yours with a photograph
i was glad to hear from you.
i saw Lon(?) yesterday he is tough
as a knot. you can give one of my
photographs to Sarah and Mrs Thom-
as. i want you Should send me
two or three boxes of Wrights pills.

i donot think of much more to write now
so good bye from you brother
yours truly (Snooks) George W Hill

(Margin)
Write as soon as you get this

Cover
(Front)

begin to read this here. little Mc. has got comand of a corpse,
i think down south somewhere now again. i hope to se him
come out the biggest toad in the puddle. if he had
let politics alone when he was first dismissed and
called for a small comand.
he might now be as good man as any
of them he is the man for me yet if he will
do right. he is a Brick. there that-l do.
read those verses if you dont think so if i had
any more rom on this sheet i would
write more. give my best respects to
all the folks.

Camp Near Brandy Station
Virginia January 13, 64

Dear Brother-I recieved your welcome letter the day before i lef alexandria for the regiment. i was glad to hear that mother and the rest of you were so well. i am well for me. iam tougher than i was at B. i never was so well in the the regiment before. i left alexandria and got to the regiment two weaks from last sunday. i was glad to hear from you. but i hope you will excuse me for not answering your letter before. if i am as well as i am know i will not say a word against serving my time out, you need not say anything about what i say of the armys moving perhaps it will not make any diference tho. what you say there about it. but it is thought prety strong that this

Corpse will go to washington and the eighth corpse will come here. this corpse is so smal because so many have reenlisted that i should not think strange if they did so. there is quite a number of the old boys in the company that could not see the reenlist. taylor shepherdson myself and some others. is saw alonzo goodenough yesterday. he says he has ben tough sence he got back he sends his love to won and all. frank is discharged. we arre encamped where the Johneys were when sedgwick drove them of a short time sence. i cannot think of much more to write so goodbye from your brother.

George W Hill.

(Cover)

the last part of this letter
donot let every one read it
tell me if you think i can get the
town bounty if i should want it

Camp Near Brandy
Station Verginia
February 17th 64

Dear Brother.

I now take my pen to write
you a few lines. I have ben
unwell for a few days. I have had
a bad cold. I am a little better
today. I think i will come out
all wright. I hope these few lines
will find you all well. I sent
you an order some time ago. I
have not recieved any answer from
you. So i did not know whether
you had recieved it or not. we
have had some trouble about
the mail. only two or three
knights since the brigade mail
was stolen. the whole of it.
if you have got the order let me
know it. and let me know

if you had any trouble in drawing
it. I think i shall send a
Valentine to mary. she will see
by the date that it has ben some
time since it was written.
I donot think of much more to
write. i must tell you one thing
i never had so good a mind
to reenlist as i have had for
a few days past. it is thought
that those who stay here untill
the first of June will see
nearly as much fighting as any.
and if i could get the town bounty
and \$402(?) government pay \$125
for my state pay and thirty-five
days furlough. where could i do
any better. see what mother says.
write as soon as you get this
from your brother.

George W Hill

Camp. Near Brandy
Station, March, 9th 64

Dear Brother.

I now take my pen to write a few lines to let you know how i am and how i am getting along. I am well and hope these few lines will find you all the same. I said i was well i am with the exception of a pretty hard cold. of which i am getting well of. i am glad the order was right. only i am sorry that you could not draw when you wanted it most. you may send me 5 dollars if you can spare it. you wanted to know when i drew the last state pay. it is drawn to the 20th of september. I recieved you letter and picture. likewise the last one with mothers your picture was a good one. i was glad to hear from you and mother. I must tell you what has ben going on here. after about four

days after i wrote to you i think it was the next friday my regiment went to the station to escort governer Smith from Vermont up to camp. Col Grants quarters. he reviewed the brigade the same day. I was on brigade gard that day. that knight the Corpse had orders to move the knext mornning with light marching order with five days rations three on their backs and two in the teams. they went up to the rappidan to make as great show as they could while Banks and Killpatrick went up the poninsulir to Richmond. they were gone three days. I presume you have heard of Killpatrick,s ride. I was not relieved from gard till they got back. so id did not have to march. them marched 26 miles the day they came in, you need not tell me any thing about the town pay it is to late now. herbert had a letter from home. they said they paid old veterans

three hundred and fifty. I think that looks well for Guilford six hundred to recruits and vetrans such pay. it shows what they are. I will soon be out of this. they cannot

get this chap now. they can kiss
my foot. and more then that they
can go ride straight to H--1
perhapps you will call this pretty
hard talk but i cant very will
help it. you did not tell me why
mary had recieved the valintine i
sent her or not, I am going to
send you in this letter Gen. Sedgwid-
k,s photograph, please keep all those verses
that is send to you till i come.

Yours From your Brother
George W Hill
Washington Dc,

Camp Near Brandy
Station Mar 12th 1864

Dear Brother

I now take my pen to write
you a few lines. perhaps you will
think I am writing pretty often. but
circumstances alter cases you know.
I am well now, excepting a cold,
I hope these few lines will find
you all well. I have nothing of
importance to write you.
I saw Alonzo to-day. he is well
I saw Gilbert Clark a
few days ago. he is in the Cavalry.
I will tell you what I want you
to do. Special Order No. 6.
I wish you would go to the
Hospital at Brattleboro and get
my overcoat Denis Mahony. has got
it. I am going to send a
letter to him when I send this

and see if he can spare
it. so you can get it if he can
spare it. it will be saving me so much.
besides it will come handy for me
to wear. I reckon Wright Smart
I saw Charles Land yesterday. he is
well. he said Willard was well.
I cannot think of much more to
write. only a little deviltry
that coat I do not want out
here or at least shall not by the
time he gets back here. let me
know if you get it. I am a
tough cuss but can't eat hay
nor stand mineys, what do you
think of that.

Twas by mistake we lost bullrun
Fish-balls, Fish-balls
Twas by mistake we lost bullrun
Fish-balls. says I.

and we all skedaddled for Washington
and we'll all drink stone blind
Johnny fill up the hole.

That'll do.

From Your Brother
George W Hill
Write Soon.
Camp Near Brandy

Station March 21st 64

Dear Brother

I now take my pen to write you a few lines. I recieved your kind letter in due time. I was glad to hear from you. and that you were all well. I am well. I hope these few tines will find you all well. I am on picket to day. on the support. I have got to go on post two hours to-day and not again untill tomorrow knight. then I shall have to go two knights and one day. it is very pleasant but rather chilly here today. I recieved you letter day before yesterday. friday knight we had orders to march that afternoo-on. we were to take everything. and three days rations. but the order was

Countermanded that knight. it is the talk know that there is to be A grand revview tomorrow. if so I shall get clear from that. but I should like to be there. General U S Grant. is to review them. you thought that I had not recieved all you had wrote sence I (wrote to) sent the order to you I think I have recieved three with the one I now answer. I recieved the one with picture, and one sence. I donot remember of writeing any-thing about the order but once sence then and that was that I was sory you could not draw the money when you wanted it most. that was when you said the school teacher was coming there to board. I was somewhat dissa-pointed at not finding some money in the letter. as I have not had any for some time. untill I

got som of alonzo yesterday. but when I had read the letter could not complain. for of course I cannot expect to get it (if you cannot) until you can get it. so do-not think I am in much of a hurry for it only send it when you get it. I cannot think much more to write Alonzo is well. write soon.

From Your Brother.

George W Hill

Camp Near Brandy
Station March 25th 64

Please read this over yourself before you do to anyone else.

Dear Brother. I now take my pen to answer your welcom letter which I recieved in due time. I was glad that you were all well as ususual. I came of picket yesterday. I am well at presant with exception of sore eyes. we had A prety tough time on picket. it was quite pleasant the first day. we did not go on post til the second knight. it began to snow when i went on post. we had to be on post two knights and and one day. it snowed all the first knight that i was on post and most of the first day. I think i never was out in such a tediuous Storm in my life. the wind blew all the time.

I must tell you what A time we had after we come in from picket. in the afternoon of the same day the left wing of the regiment challenged us the right wing. to A game of snow-ball. so we went at it officers, and all, except the Col and Maj. it was an even thing. that is. it was a draw game besides they had A fifty or a hundred more men then us. the D----d succors played fowl some of them threw stones or any thing they could get hold of. I forgot to tell you how much snow fell. it was half a foot or more, I want you should let me know when you write again, if you have recieved my memorial. I have recieved them pills you sent me. I Cannot think of much more to write this time write soon. I would not care if I could hear from you every day. I would try to answer them

it is very lonsome here unless one can here from home, or have a letter with the rest. you know how that is very well. you need not be afraid of my enlisting

for I would see the whole concern
in hell with there back broke I reckon.
and then I would not. my time is to
near out. it is so near out that the
vermont papers calls us June-bugs.
but dont tell any one any thing so they
will know that I am coming home.
it is believed by thost that are to be
discharged that we shall be home the
22d of may. dont tell even mother.
Just for the fun of it.
you wanted i should pitch the tune to
that song. I dont see how I can very
well just now. but here is another you
keep them all that i send to you and
i will pitch the tune then. plase tell
mother that I was glad to hear from
her.

 this will do this time I guess
 yours truly.

 George W Hill
 Company F 4th Vermont
 Regiment
 Washington Dc.

Camp Near Brandy
Station April 3rd 64

Dear Brother
your kind letter of Mar 27th is before me. and I now take my pen in hand to answer it I was glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the the same. I ment to wrote in my last letter that I had recieved the pills that you sent me. I have, and likewise the money you sent to me in your last. which I now now answer. I have nothing of much importence to write now. one thing is we are living very well now. that is one thing I look at now, one might as well buy A little some of the time as to live on just what the government gives us, especially while we are in winter quarters

there are three of us in the tent that mess together. each one of us puts in a little and buy vegetables at the Brigade comicerys such as potatoes turnips etc. that grand review that I wrote about has ben Countermanded, but I understand that is is to come of the 25th of this month, I must tell you one thing more and see what you think of it. I understant that Gen. Grant has ordered that no Lickers shall be brought into the Army whatever not even to officers. only for hospital uses. if so I think it is the best thing that ever hapened. I cannot think of much more to write this time. write soon
From your brother

George W Hill
Company F 4th Regiment
Vermont Vols Washington Dc

I am going
to send a ring
in this letter
for mary

Camp Near Brandy
Station Virginia
April 10th 64

Dear Brother Austain
Your lette of the third is before
me which I recieved in due time.
I was glad to hear from you
and that you were all well.
I am well and hope those few
lines will find you still the same,
I saw Alonzo, to day. he was well
I have not much news to write
you this time i wish that
Mary and Frank could have
their Photographs taken whole
Size standing up. I am going
to send you some songs in this
letter. I believe you told me when
I was at home that that old
Man that use to make up songs
and sing to the boys out here.
was in you camp when you was

out here.
his name is Lock, the one that
made up the songs. was Marching
down to Dixies land. wear marching on
to Richmond, Mcclelan is our man
we call him old dixie.
he has not ben with us sence
we left front of Richmond untill
this winter. he has ben here
twice in a few days. we heard
that he was hanged, he heard
of it to, and he told us about
it after he
left us, he went down into
Rosecrans army. he lost part
of his hand and was taken Prisoner
I guess this is enough about
Mr Lock, perhaps more then
you would like to hear, but I
have not got much other news
to write, if I knew the art of
telling as big story as some do
I could send you quite a letter.
I cannot think of much more to
write this time, we do not have much

Pleasant weather here this month
it rains and snows most of the
time, we are Just having our own
winter, those songs you want to
keep clean and not wear them out

I will send you a Conundrum

What makes a young ladies
teeth decay sooner then mens,

Because their lips are so
Sweet.

Cock-master General

Yours Truly
From your Absent brother
George W Hill