

MACK TO NAN

Satterlee. U.S.A. Hospl. March 17.
Friday morning, 1865

My Dear and loved Companion

This morning finds me still enjoying reasonable good health for which I am very grateful to our great Redeemer for his goodness and loving kindness toward me and my life journeying companion and little off spring for preserving our lives and granting us good health. Nan I feel that I dont realize my obligation as I ought too for his goodness. if every moment of our lives were holly devoted in doing the will of Our master and singing songs of prais to his name, yet we wood sertainly be indebted to him for all his goodness. but thanks to God this debt is canceled when we do all that we can do to pleas him. Nan this morning I received your very kind letter dated March 9th and 10th it does me so much good to still hear that you are all well, which is a bountiful blessing from Our Creator.

The wether is beautiful and pleasant now. Such wether in Mich would start little posies to blosoming and the grass to be springing up green and nice. one year ago we was at home together hardly realizing any separation by the havock of war, but soon after today one year ago we was parted our joys were blasted, and still we are far apart but not with out a hope of being reunited again before very long. I do hope that our separation will not be the continued one. I hope the past year of our separation will prove (if posiable) a happier and more joyous life in the days to come.

Nan this is S.t Patricks day. I am going to the City after diner I hant been out of the Hosp.l but twice since I have [been] here. I think I will go out today as it is a nice day. There is man[y] a curiosity to be seen in as large a City as Philadelphia, but I have had but little anxiety to go out of the Hos.l. I will not finish this now I will wait till tomorrow and then maby I can think of more to write. it is time I was getting diner. good by for today Nan. Mc.

Saturday, 18th

This is a warm clear and beautiful day. it makes me each [ache] all over to be pened up here in the Hosp.l. I went to town yesterday afternoon but I cood not see any thing there that wood make my mind contented I am so sick of this place I dont know how to spend the time. And yet I can get any satisfaction in regard to discharge. if they dont soon do something I will apply to the Secretary of War and se if he will do any thing. There is no furlow granted now in the Hosp.l on account of smallpox, which is increasing dayly. I hant been exposed but once as I know off, and that was some time ago I dont think I will take it from that exposier. I could come home on a french furlow but that wood sound bad. and then I wood be reported a deserter and probably two or three months pay taken from me, but I wont stay here very long till I come on a french, if I cant get to come honorably I will certainly come dishonorably for I have done my duty as as soldier as far as I was able. and now I have met with a great misfortune, and I think I have the right to come home. This is the meanest hosp.l ever was any how. There are men here with one leg off and some with one arm off and are well, and cant even get a furlow let alone there discharge. That is so for I have seen and talked with them. It seams as if it is of no use to try for me to get a discharge, but I shall dig at them till I make them glad to get red [rid] of me.

I have a letter from Andy and T.C. Radabaugh dated march 10th They was well. T.C. is with the Reg.t now. I got a letter from Pa some time ago. I told you of it in one of my other letters. I am looking for another from him all the time. I am glad that your Bro John will not loos his bounty. I would be very glad to have him get land in Mich if he wood be satisfied with it. I suppose the land that he is going to pay his money on is the 40 acres that Overly bought and sold to H Zuver that lays south of Jo Bakers. I will stop till tomorrow and then mail this. good by for today. Mc Nan and Baby. Dearly loved, but far away.

Sunday morning 19th

My Dear Nan I have just received another letter from you written march 13th and 14th it was not very lengthy but it was satisfactory because it said that you was all well only you had a bad head ache, which I hope soon abated after you wrote your letter.

Nan this is as beautiful clear and nice a Sunday as I ever saw in my life Oh how pleasant it wood be if I was at home today with you to go to meeting together, but we cant and I have to keep from thinking about such comefort as this, for it makes the time pass so slow when I think of the happiness that awaits me at home and then cant be there to enjoy it. Nan you want me to come on a furlow if I could not get my discharge I wood come on a furlow if I could get one, but that is imposiable now, and I hant money enough to pay my fare if I should want to come on a french, but that wood not hardly do even if I had money, for it wood sound bad. I will try to wait a while longer. Your wrote that Mr and Mr Abbott had sent the baby some presents. I thank them for ther presents. now Nan I cant think of any more to write so I will soon close this. I expect you will be glad of it, for it will take you some time and study to read it. be a good Girl and take good care of tooter give him lots of mush and milck so he will grow big. let us try to be faithful untill death. Pray for your absent but true and loving Companion. Write soon good by for today. to Nan and little baby Boy Mc Ewing good by.

Note: The Philadelphia postmark on the envelope of this letter is Mar. 20.

On the inside of the envelope flap is found written: "soon I hope to follow".

On the inside of the envlope flap of the letter of March 9 is found written: "Sealed with love".

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