

Bivouac 24th T.C.D.
Tusculum Ala.

My dear, Precious Wife Nov 5 1864

We have been unexpectedly delayed here receiving our tardy and scant supplies of Dr. Mart^r's Communion stons. When we reached this place I reported 23 barefooted men, and 113 men who actually needed shoes, not to refer to the wants for blankets & clothing. On yesterday they gave me 26 prs. of shoes to fill out my report! 16 prs. of pants, &c! I see by m^r Boyce's speech in Columbia, that he thinks of these things. Our delay here may frustrate the Tenn. campaign, though a day or two more, will decide.

I sent you a telegram on yesterday of five words, & what do you think, my darling, I had to pay for it? \$9/2! I could have sent ten words for the same, but did not know it until my dispatch had gone. I sent you, by my old Dr. Mart^r Addison, a letter written on the 2^d, and containing \$20. That letter, dear Lottie, made the 5th. I had written you since leaving Palmetto. Only five letters, in a period of five weeks, written to my own Lottie! It was a trial to my heart, my dearest one. I would think of you on the march, & when we halted at night, I would long for a mail opportunity. This is our fifth day here, and not mail yet! I begin to look for Minnie. When he comes he ought to bring me a letter, & my boots. Your letter, written on the 14th ult. came in good time, & I believe is about as late a date

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as any of my friends have from S.C.
W^m Henry Cain dined with me today, & said
his last letter was dated the 7th ult. Ben
gave me a right good dinner. I left
it entirely to him. He will do anything if
you praise him a little, or ^{attach} ~~create~~ an
importance to the duty you require, & seem
to rely upon his capacity to accomplish it.
But he does not bear surveillance, well,
& if disciplined, it must be constantly
kept up. He can't bear to be rebuked
or reproved. I find him most in-
valuable to me. I suppose you will
go to C.S. by the last of this month. I will
continue to direct (Sun set. just now, my bundle
is handed me by a gentleman just from M^o.)
to Aiken until about the 20th S.V. when I will
write to C.S.

Sunday Nov. 6th 1864

No signs of a move this morning. Sher-
man makes golden hours of our delay. I
fear we will have no campaign with Sem-
Well, we have changed Sherman's plans, &
relieved the pressure in Georgia, if we go no
further. I examined the contents of my
bundle with much interest. The shirts are very
nice. I will write M^o a note by this mail
opportunity & thank her for so comfortable
& elegant a present. The gloves, Lat, are
the very thing - They come up well over the
wrists - the fingers are just right, and they
have a very good shape. The worsted
cap came in the very nick of time - so
did the covering for my chest. I will di-
rect this to C.S. as I expect you will be

there by the time it reaches S.C. I allow Morgant to
 go to Charleston - He will mail this there. - I want
 you to write to him directing to Mr^s Sage's care, so that
 he may know whether to call at Kalmia on his
 way back, or not, for my bundle containing my pants
 &c. - If you have it at C.R. send it to Sage by
 first opportunity, so that George can get it there.
 I will direct him to call at Sage's. - My health
 continues excellent, my darling. - I read the extracts
 you sent me, & send them back to you. - You must
 not allow my views to disturb your mind, dearest.
 You do not understand me, I see, however, and we
 will let the subject drop. - Though I can not
 forbear the expression of some mortification at
 your intimation of my being a little dashed
 with crazy! I send you all the spare en-
 velopes I have. Don't send me any more. I do

Absentees &c,
24 S.E. Chatham's Qu
A. Tenn,

4th

Final action enforced

Head Quarters
Qu. Sph. P.
Columbia 13 Oct
Res. found this Brig.
Gen. Chesnut to the
Supt of Consumption
C. S. Mills &c

Maj. & Capt. Chesnut's

W. S. Reserve Forces

Columbia 14 Oct 1864

Respectfully forwarded
James Chesnut for
Brig Genl

not like to use them. I will finish this tomorrow, dearest. -

Monday Nov. 7. - The indications are this morning, I think dear, that we will cross the Tennessee after tomorrow. - I will send George Mangum tomorrow. - We have had a great deal of rain, so far, this month - Oct. was a most lovely month. -