

Chapins Farm
Dec the 7, 1864

Respected Wife,

I now take time to let you know that I and Jake are well and hope this may find you the same. There has bin a change in army since I last wrote to you. The division and the brigade is the same but the corps is called the 24 corps. We have orders to march. Where I don't know. We have everything pack, ready to march. I have but little time to write but I will let you know that we are agonto leave this place; when I git to the place where we intend to go I will write to you.

Jake got a letter from home Esther said that you had bought a half of beef. Write how much you gave a pound for it. Write as soon as you can. The letter will foller me up where ever I go. There has bin some talk we will go to North Caroline, but I can't tell where we will go. The 10 corps and the 18 corps have been put together and now is called the 24 corps. I have a hard place to write. Everything is tore up; ready to march.

I must close, so good afternoon,
James L. Christman

Be sure to put N.Y.S.V. on the envelope.