

(Stationary)

U.S. Christian Commission

Sends this as the Soldier's messenger to his Home. Let it hasten to those who wait for tidings.
"Behold! Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

CENTRAL OFFICE:

11 Bank Street, Philadelphia

BRANCH OFFICE

10th and H Streets, Washington

Nov the 4, 1864

Dear Harriet and Children,

Yours of the 30 came safe here this morning. I was glad to hear that you was well. I and Jake are well at present. I wrote a few lines to Mr. Walker today. I thought that would answer for you both, but I thought I would write a few lines to you tonight about the money. I want you to have money enough to buy clothes for you and the children. Tell Male to let you there enough to buy clothes. Just as soon as I git some I will send it to you. I think that I will draw some this month. Take this letter to him and git \$50.00 dollars. That will start you so I can keep you in money. After this I want you to save as much as you can.

You said that you had not got your wood sawed yet. If you depend on George to saw it you will never git it sawed. You must try and git someone else and pile it in the shop. You must git someone to bank the house so your potatoes don't freeze. Git Papy to fix the backhouse.

I want you to tell Male to write to me if he has settled my business up yet. I should like to know how much money is left. I don't hear nothin about it. It don't seem rite to me.

Your letter before this I got on the battlefield; it was sharp fightn. My old gun spoke for itself. I suppose you have seen it in the paper fore this time; the 142 Regiment made the charge.

I should like to have once in a while a journal sent to me. Write how Mr. And Mrs. Walker git along. I don't hear nothin from them. It is quite muddy here. They put me right in the harness. I stood on picket last night. It rained all night. In the mornin I could see the Rebs. I heard a rooster crow for the first time since I left home. I should like to have you to git your likeness taken and the children on cards and send them to me as soon as you can. I should like to have you to send me a pair of gloves and two pair of socks as soon as you can. We have cold nights here. Write as often as you can and as soon as you can / I must close. It is now role-call, 8 o'clock.

So good nite Harriet,
James L. Christman

In this I will send a primer to Millard and Delmer. When I draw some money from the government I will send the rest of them some.

Catty, you and John must behave good.