Camp near Falmouth Va
May 22 [inserted text] th [end inserted text] 1863
Dear Sister
I received your kind and welcome letter and was
very glad to hear from you But Sorry to hear that
you had Been Sick I hope this may find you entirely
well as it leaves me at present. I have nothing of
importance to tell you at this time. nothing of note
has occurred Since I last wrote to you we are now
incamped on a little Hill where we get all the Cool
air that is going. our Corps is going to gard the
railroad from Falmouth to aquia Creek. there is a
great many rigts getting Discharged as they are
nine months men and their time of enlistment has
expired this time one year my time will Be nearly
out But I am not any ways uneasey I am very well
Satisfied
for you know a good Soldier never grols But takes
every thing Cooly of Course I would like to see
you all But as a Soldier I am willing to Stay till I
Can get a Chance to Come and See you. when I
Come I want to come hounourable. I dont want
to go home as many has Done go and Be affrid to
Come Back for fear of Being Punished. Annie
there is nothing gives me more pleasure that to do
my Duty and do it Cheerfully then I feel as though
I have Done right I have Been in the Service for
too years and have never had one Cross word said
to me yet and there is few of our Company Can
Say that I ought not to Speak So well of my Self
But the officer whom Command me will tell you or
any one else that I have Been what I listed for and
nothing else
my heart was made glad the other day By Seeing a man from old Cecil Co. he was in Search of his Son whou Belonged to our Company but was taken Prisoner in the late Battle when he Started for home he gave me a hearty Shake of his hand and Bade me good By I thought to my Self as he left that I might never See him a gain. he told me to Be a good Boy and mind my officers I thanked him for his good advice and his is now home and perhaps Grieving over the loss of his Son there is many a Brave man But the Dust Since this war Begun there has Been Some Brave men of our rigment killed Since we Come out we Can mourn their loss But we Cannot Bring them Back again
there is Some talk of our Corps Staying here this Summer But there is no knowing whether tis so or not we Cannot put any Dependane in any thing we hear as there is always so many rumours affloat we Cant Believe any thing atal we have only got too hundred me in the regiment and I think this nearly time we was geting relieved from the frunt or else getting recruited up for /one more Battle will kill the rest or Scare them to Death
I am your Brother
David Lilley
write soon