

Washington City D.C.

July 12th 1865.

Dr Sir. —

Your friendly Communication
bearing date the 5th Inst. came to hand in due
time and found as usual a welcome reception
and an eager perusal, and your humble
servant enjoying the best of health and
obliged to more than throw myself with the
Quill, on account of our Clinical force
being somewhat limited in numbers.
and I was truly pleased to learn that
the 4th passed as well with you, as for me
I have no desire of experiencing another such
a 4th of July as the last past. As it gives me
pleasure to learn that my old friends and
companions are enjoying themselves.

Maj. Genl Hancock assumes

Command of the Middle Department which
includes the States of West Virginia
Pennsylvania Delaware & Maryland
with Headquarters at Baltimore Md
on the 15th of this month and as near as
I can learn the 1st Co are going to
remain under his orders. and will
be distributed along the P. & O. C. & R.
in the vicinity of the Monocacy River.
We are to be fully armed with "Sharp
Breech Loading Rifle" a very pretty gun.
Yet it's not my intention to use mine a
great deal unless compelled to. I have
not run the Company but once since
the 9th of June. I don't reckon that we
Chaps are going to be relieved ^{from duty at Hd Qrs} - can't say
for certain. The 3rd Regiment of our Corp
has gone most 8 companies to Springfield
Ill and 2 Companies to Milwaukee Mo.

for the purpose of doing duty there.

Ed. you must excuse
brevity of remarks and peravols
for I am in an awful hurry
and let me hear from you
soon tell me all the Boys that
I have got home. my respects to
all of your folks yourself
included of course.

L. M. Johnson.

E. M. Dyer
Port Huron
Calumet County
Wisconsin.

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