

Camp Tupper Va
May 14. 1862
Dear friends

Your letters were received tonight and the boy this afternoon. The things were all nice and come very acceptable. We will not leave here until Thursday, as our ship cannot be made ready before that time. Vanduyke has resigned, but his resignation has not been accepted, nor do I think it will until his accounts are all settled up. I have promoted Rees to the first and San Oyster to the 3rd Lieut.

You must learn more of my matters there than I do here. I have no idea of getting married and would not accept promotion.

could have it - nay it has
been offered me, but I will not
leave my Company. My men are
dearer to me than life - I ask
nothing more than to lead them
to battle and victory, and if it is
my fate to fall I want to fall at
the head of, and with them, if
victorious, I want them to share
the honour.

I am sorry Henry
Wharton wrote home as he did. -
I have a great deal of picketing
to do, but so have the rest. The
reason I get so much is that
the others are used up, and it
agrees with me. Besides I am
detailed from head quarters
about half of the time, as they
seem to have an exalted opinion
of my abilities there. Whenever
they expect an attack, or any

thing particular. They detail
me for Captain of the pickets.
Although it is quite an honor
It comes rather often. But it does
not affect me. I grow fat on it
and now weigh 164 pounds.
However I need not tell you
the news, as I will see you
before you get this. - I go on
picket tomorrow for the last
time in Virginia. I will bid
farewell to my friends on the
picket line, and hey for the
 Sunny South. There to have plenty
of fun and fighting. I am
sorry to hear of Grandmother's
illness. I hope she is better
by this time. I hope God will
preserve her health until I
get home. If it were possible
I would come up expressly
to see her, but I cannot.

But I must close. I will
write again when I get on board.
May God bless and protect you
forever

Yours

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