

Contento - each member of the Society sent a loaf of bread. I wish you could
know which was
my mother's - what shall
I send you with
bread when he returns
He reports your
health as good and
withstanding your
fatigue & exhaustion
I receive & love
your congratulations & your
note - I was so vexed to
find that you
were going to
run again so soon
Died is strange - how you
stand it! I feared a
battle - but had thought
not - I hope not
again -
1863
Your dear kind letter

of the 29th giving us a glimpse of
the hours of those days battle - & your
grateful rejoicing over the great
victory - I wish that your life, my
sweet husband was saved through
all that fearful time - God only
knows (for I cannot tell) how blessed
the man is to me - His kind care
does indeed seem almost miracu-
lous - & for what is it? am I, are
we any more worthy than thousands
who have been bereft? ought we
not to devote our best hereafter to
the service of such a God & Father -
will we ever again forget Him who
has so signally proved that he ever

rememberth us. I have tried to pray
that my darling husband might
be protected from every & all danger
that he might go forth with a brave
true heart & a strong arm looking
unto Jesus for help in every time
of need - & Oh may I not hope
& trust that my feeble petitions have
not fallen to the ground - how more
that such a Saviour will spare us
to each other & teach us both to love
him in some degree as he hath loved
us - Let us be thankful my Mother
Major Moore & Capt. Roseman arrived
safely last night - Major & his very
much rejoiced Father came up this
morning, he came rather unexpect-
edly & reminded me so much of
another great big fellow in uniform that
I would give so much to see - that I
could hardly control my feelings
the tears would come, I was con-
siderably wrought up by the news

depicted in your letter - I had read
& re-read & Mother had read it very
carefully - it was the last thing last
night in my mind, I thought it over
in the silent watches & then thought
& talked all morning about it -

Mother reads your letters occasionally
herself - I want her to - It makes her
love you more to see for herself what
a good kind loving boy you are to
write to her Baby Rhoda - 'tis nat-
ural you know - We were very
much interested in your account
of poor John - we almost cried
over his spirit & bravery - & then
I was so sorry for fear he would
fall into the enemy's hands - he
was ^{not} going to be sent to the rear
until Mission Ridge was taken
& leave his poor tired Master to
trudge on - if he was wounded
Mother thinks he deserves to be
brought home with you & taken

Could you not get into your
Mr. Frank's book for 10 in
good care of all his life, when he
is such a little scared veteran.

What corroborated your account ex-
actly - & called you a brave man
& said you had been complimented
for your conduct by some of the
Generals - said you told him
to tell only me that you had
done your duty - God bless you
my son - May I ever be as proud
of you as now - would any other
thing make me prouder than that
you'd done your duty -

But my dear I beg of you not
to rush into danger needlessly or ^{to} rashly
think of your little darling daughter
who is growing daily more & more in
the image of her poor absent Pa -
think of one who is growing premat-
urely old waiting, hoping & trusting
praying & longing for the return
of her much loved husband -

I sent you a small package of clothes
in a barrel the Society were sending
the 9th Antis old Co - intending all
the Guernsey boys in the 9th - officers in-
cluded should have a share of the

no fault to be said
that can't be put down, the
I don't feel much like urging you to
to take much more trouble hunting
him, only for Grandmother's sake -
he is so mean & neglectful with
her that he has never written
one letter directly to her - allows
his family to keep her posted -
was at home on 40 days per long
& did not go to see her, & poor old
body wees so about him - & none
of us can ever know his address -
I wrote to Lade when I was in Penn
inquiring about him for Gran mother
but she never answered me -
If you should ever see him be as in-
dependent as he dare be - unless he is suf-
fering - I had a letter from poor
Cousin Will in Liberty Prison - he
is well but very much depressed
in spirits - Oh how I pity him -
I received your check for \$5.50 - all
right - Dr Clark is to loan \$500 to
somebody for you & give me his note

I would have written to you
sooner but was waiting until
I could get it fixed - it is in
the bank - I am going to put
myself on short allowance
this winter to save more -
As you havent got your Quilt
yet - & as she is charging you
a very extravagant bill - I should
be in a hurry about paying him
I want to have all the money
possible at interest - if I should
have to borrow some to help pay
him - after while - Aunt I might -

What says it will be your
turn next to come home, or
have you concluded never
to come on full length again?
I wrote to Bamsville last week
& told them of the despatch - I
will write again soon - Ellen
has a little daughter -
We all send our love - Good bye -
Trust in God - Your true Rhoda



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