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Camp of 20th Ohio Battery

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Dear friend Lottie:

Despairing of ever again hearing from you without again writing I seat myself for that purpose. Perhaps you are waiting for me to come home, thinking that your letter would not reach me until after I returned from the South. I am of the opinion that I will have time to receive several before I make my contemplated visit. I saw that I should never

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Get the Business at the ordnance office so arranged that I could go home so I quit and came back to the Battery. Lieut. Stokes was in no hurry to finish his business so I concluded that I had better come back to the Battery and await my turn than stay there and work all summer and then not get the promised "leave of absence." I was to have had it the 1st of January, then the middle of January, then the 1st of February. All passed and still I saw nothing of the promised furlough. I asked about it and at last found that he had made no application. Then I got angry and asked to be relieved from there which was granted. I am now doing duty in the Battery and find it much more agreeable than to sit at a desk all day and far into the night.

I hardly know where to direct your letter as the last letter I received from you told me that you intended leaving home about the 23rd of January. Still as I know no other address than Norwich(?) I must of a necessity address you at that place.

I have no letter to answer this time so it will be impossible for me to write to the usual length as it is impossible for me to find enough to fill a small sheet of note paper.

My compliments to all your folks and write soon.

Your friend
Geo. L. Young
20th Ohio Battery
Chattanooga Tenn

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[NOTE: The back of the previous page has been used by Lottie's sister Cassie to write her own letter. There is no date.]

Lottie Miss Eva Martin is married [sic] to Mr Gensel if what they say of her husband is true I think she will be sorry [sic] she married [sic] in a hurry [sic] to a stranger she knew [sic] nothing about they say he will steal and lie and you cannot depend upon anything [sic] he says but perhaps these are false [sic] reports Lyb has got home I guess her health is better by this time if reports are true [sic] murder will out Dr C W Robins has got home they say he has got his Diploma I have not seen him since his return Pa saw him the other day he made a good many excuses because [sic] he had not been up I am looking for him every [sic] day he had a professional [sic] call the other night to Dewane Patterson they have got another Baby there. I will send you a paper in a few days with a pattern of those pointed yokes(?) Pary(?) was in here the other day he said [sic] it did not seem right [sic] to have Lottie gone he was a fraud [sic] something would happen and she would not come back and it seems as it did before he takes a great interest [sic] in your well fair [sic] it is supper time and I must stop writing if there is any [sic] of you that is able to use the pen I want you to write and if not get some one [sic] to for we have received but one letter from you and that written [sic] the next day after you got there. In my last I do not know rather I wrote you how Town meeting came out or not the Republicans beat [sic] in everything C P Rice is Town Clerk but I have not time to tell you the rest.

love to All

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