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(Letter No 5)

Camp of the 20th Ohio Battery,

Chattanooga, June 15th 1865

Dear friend Lottie:

I have let the fixed time for writing pass by in hopes that I should have a letter to answer, and then perhaps I would have something to write about. A letter lying before me would help me amazingly. There would be some questions to answer and some to ask. As it now is I have nothing to help me, I must make a letter of whole cloth. You will see by the number that I have written 4 letters before this to which I have no answer. I think the fault lies at my door, as I dropped the county when addressing the letter.

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The weather, it is very, very warm altogether too much so to be comfortable. It has been trying to rain for the past week. It has been raining all around us but as yet "nary-a-drop" has fallen on the great city of Chattanooga.

Since last I wrote you ten of our battery have been mustered out. Now there are orders in town that will take all but those who enlisted at the time I did. There will be 59(?) left in camp, 44 here in the city. There are 5 or 6 away to the hospital, in all about 50 to be left. About 90 go home on this order. I shall be glad when they are gone for then we will soon know what is to be our fate, if we are to serve our time out we want to know it if not we want to know about how long we are to stay. I for one want to go home on furlough if I am to [to] serve Uncle Sam 18 months after the war is ended.

There is a circus in town today. I do not go, reason, weather is too warm. Would not enjoy myself at all should I go.

Miss Juliette Barrett is married, by the way I guess I told you that in a previous letter.

I have two splendid saddle horses. Come around in the morning and we will go and have a ride. Oh! I forgot it is the gentleman's place to come around. Well be ready at 8 o'clock, precisely, I'll be there

at the door with both horses. Be sure and be ready for there is quite a party going out for a day in the woods. We will go out to the Chickamauga battle field.

My compliments to sister Mary and family.

Sincerely Yours

George L. Young 20th O.V.A.