

That I think will probably occur this year. But if we should meet with a heavy disaster like Federicksburg or Chancellorsville, I fear it would lead to the defeat of the Lincoln whose re-organization policy still seems to be adhered to. A defeat would not affect Mr Chase's election to the same extent. — The work of re-organizing this army has commenced. One Corps is to be broken up, but will become of our little regular brigade Heaven only knows, at least I doubt. It is generally considered improbable that we shall be brigaded with the volunteers. If we are not the brigade will probably be broken up, and we shall be sent to used as mounted guards. I think one regiment will in that case probably sent for mounted guard at Gen Meade's Head Quarters — I hope it will not be mine, although it would in some respects be very pleasant to be at Gen Meade's

I am now the fourth major on the list — some perhaps you see of me in the Col. before I leave the army. I must be better than that to tell me to stay in. — Lee Roby I see very glad to see him to break it by letters & hope Lee and they will always be kind to see all others. I got a letter from Capt. Stoughton last night. He is in the East and says he means to all on of Feb when he is going back. Good bye dear friend
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must plead guilty to letting our 17th of Feby arrive Sunday pass without recognition. That day was very cold here and it was all we could do to keep warm, in fact we could not do it at all, and sentimental ideas did not flow at all. Notwithstanding, I believe I wrote you, as I find from my diary says I sent you a letter on the 18th. One sex, it cannot be denied ever, not remember such things. So will as yours, However, I believe it has never gone by before without a recognition on both sides. I have written once since (Sunday) — the letter must pretty near to you

by this time. — We had a little excitement in camp, all we have had for some time. An orderly from the 14th, who had been down here for the mail of that Regiment, was grabbed by the guerillas on his way back with the mail. He was but a short distance from one of the pickets when he was taken. Every effort was made to re-capture him without success of course. The rebels will have a good time reading the letters I suspect, for the mail was an unusually large one. You doubtless suppose that we are in the wilderness, nevertheless we see about as many railroad trains as you would if you were to spend a day at the RR Depot at home. Six trains met at Hokeville. I

don't know how many times a day, six or eight, at least. They only stop to pass, however, so that we are only benefitted by the sight and noise, though we do occasionally get a "lift" on one of them from one station to another. Travel is under so many restrictions however that it is difficult to get one there.

I see that the friends of Lincoln are moving in every direction. They seem to have the field to themselves. My friend Chase I am afraid will have no chance and I am really sorry for it, because I believe him to be a much abler man than Mr. Lincoln, and much more fitted to administer the government in the troublesome times which will follow the closing of the rebellion.