

Charlie to Ellen "Nellie" Sherman, 1 August 1864

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Friend Nellie.

After coming off  
of a three day scout what do you  
think my Capt. gave me why a letter  
from Nellie You may Bet I was  
glad to hear from you also glad to  
hear that were all well. this was  
the first scout I have been out on  
& I dont think I shall go any more  
I was compleatly used up when we  
came in can not were my shoes yet  
could not if my feet was ever so  
well for I throwed them away haft  
to steal a few I guess. We saw five Gur-  
-rillies about half a mile off But  
could not catch them they had a  
Small Rebel flag the first one  
I Ever saw floating We did

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not wait for orders to shote  
But Every man that had a gun  
Blased away it was to far our guns would  
not carry up they were mounted &  
were soon out of sight we hunted  
all that night – But – could not  
find them Our Officers would not  
let us go to a well & drink You  
would think Strange of wouldt  
You Nellie. A Soldier do allmoss  
Enything when he is verry dry  
& hungry. Verry Often we would  
here the magor sing out no falling  
Out of Rank after watter I suppose  
he thought prehaps they might have  
dropped a drug in the well. Woe Be  
with them if they had. We Returned  
without any thing. when we  
com into camp we Recieved  
the good news that we could  
live on hard tack again for  
five days. that caused some

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talk for a few minutes that  
passed off with out any one  
Being hurt. & Better news came  
that there was a Box for Co. E. at  
the Express Office a team was soon  
sent & the Box Brought up it  
contained Eatables Mose & Lizzie  
had sent me a Box with some  
fruit & cakes I dont think I  
shed many tears over it. it could  
not of come in a Better time.  
Nellie have we a new commander  
of the post his name is Gen Pain  
he is very strict with the citizens  
all that could not prove themselves  
good Union men must travle he  
told us to take no prisnors if we  
fought fight under the Black  
flag. I saw the Gurrillie Chief  
Capt Hess shot last Monday the  
Gen furnished no coffin for him  
Woe Be with us if we are

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taken prisnor of C. H. is (which  
he neaver calculated to be alive)  
fare well for him or any other  
there was a flag of truce on the  
picketts lines this morning the  
Officers went Over to learn the  
cause they have not come in  
yet. Nellie our Officers think we  
will leave for Chicago the  
last of this month if so we shall  
get out of this in september if  
not dont know when in  
what month are you going  
to start for Ohio. You said  
I made some Remark the  
last time I was there that you  
did not understand & that  
would not tell you please  
mention it I must close for  
I am very tired so Good Bye

I remain your true as

Ever all well. Charlie

please write when convenient