

Head. Quarters, 156<sup>th</sup> Regiment N. Y. I. & C.  
2<sup>d</sup> Brig. 1<sup>st</sup> Div. 19. Army Corps.  
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Friend Williams,

God may think, it very strange, for me.  
To write to you, as I never have writers, but it was  
not that I never thought of you, I have thought, a  
great many times, that I would write, but there was  
always something, in the way, and now I will endeavor  
to pen a few lines, in my awkward hand.  
Well, I have not heard from you since I saw you to  
the Picnic, in the woods, but I suppose, you have heard  
of us, so there is no use, of my telling you  
where we have been, or, what we have been doing,  
for it would tire me writing, and you reading,  
but I will tell you where we was, one year ago.  
A day before yesterday, we was a wreck on the wide  
Ocean, near the Florida. Shore, about (80) miles  
from Key west, and we have been a great many  
other places since, and God knows where we  
will be the next, 10<sup>th</sup> of December, but I hope the



war. will be ended. and I will be home. =  
we have good news from the army, of Tennessee,  
and expect great news from the Potomac. Gen.  
General Grant, is the man of this war. he was the man  
at Vicksburg, and Lookout Mountain, and I think  
he will be the man, for Richmond yet, unless there  
is something done there this winter, which I hope there will.  
There has been many changes in this regiment, since  
we left. Old relatives, some have gone home, some on  
furlows, and some discharged, and are dead, and one,  
that was dear, and dear to me, is in his grave. (That  
was George Fowler) and all through the negligence of  
Doctors, if we had better Surgeons in the army, there would  
not be as many deaths as there is. =

There was rather a sad instance, occurred here Saturday  
of last week, of the 28<sup>th</sup> Mass. - One was on Provost Duty,  
and arrested one of our men, and was about putting  
him in jail, and the latter, started run, and the 28<sup>th</sup>  
fellow, bid him halt, and fired, killing him instantly.  
He was a member of Company E. 156<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and  
had many friends in his company, he had a son in the  
same company, that regrets his loss very much, and  
has the sympathies of many of our Regiment.



The health of the Plattekill Boys. is very good, as far as I know. David is well and wished to be remembered to you. he is orderly at Brigade head quarters. he has very good times, Theodore is well and is out on picket today. (and it is raining, so it makes it very unpleasant.) That is something I have not done in some time, I was detailed in the quartermasters department last January. and still remains in the same. - I have enjoyed very good health since I have been in the army. I was sick about three months, but I kept out of the hospital, and now I am well and feel very well contented. I should like to go home and see the folks. once in a while, but other wise, I can't complain, as I am very well situated. (for a private Soldier.)

C. G. G. G.

Give my Respects to your Father and Mother, and all the Girls. Remembers One to enquiring Friends. (if I have any;) I hope to receive an answer from you soon, as it is convenient, and I mean to write to you often, if you are agreed. Write soon and I remain your Friend and well wishes

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