

Letter from Tilton C. Reynolds to Juliana Reynolds, April 18, 1864

Head Quarters 105th Penna Vols Vets

Near Brandy Station Va

April 18 1864

Dear Mother,

I wrote a few lines to you last evening and promised that to day I would write Something more interesting and a larger amount of it so I will begin.

Every thing is quiet in Camp to day Save the usual excitement occassioned by the usual monthly inspection which takes place at 2 O clock this P.M.

Fortunately I do not have to appear on Such occasions which I assure you does not offend me in the least as it is quite a task to prepare for them. I think we will pass pretty well this time as every one has had timely notice to be prepared for it. This Report goes to the Head Quarters of the Army and if not favorable why it has a tendency to lower our estimation in the opinion of the Major General Commanding.

The tone of your letter previous to the last was rather mournful. More So I think their was really necessary as far as it related to my Self.

True I did not conduct my Self while at home with as much Sanctimony as might have been expected but I am no hypocrite nor never was. I could not act in direct opposition to my feelings, for to tell the truth I did not feel any way inclined to [?] John Smith.

Library of Congress

If the People of Jefferson think less of me for my conduct while I Sojourned in their midst their friendship is not worth craving and I am truly glad that I did not court their favor.

I am [?] wild as you well know but I flatter myself that I am well enough posted to guide my back safely through. If I cant I will not request aid from any of the Jeffersonites who are for crushing me to the lower regions.

I have many warm friends in the army and ones who will not forsake me for any slight misdemeanor. My love for you is as Fervant as was it ever and I am truly, candidly, sorry for the Sorrow I have caused you by my recklessness. Were I to pay another visit home I would Spend my time differently but getting home is now a matter perfectly out of the question. Next winter however I expect to pay you a 14 day visit. Frank Hamaker is in the camp and in good health.

I will close hoping you will write as often as possible. Give my love to all. Your Loving and affectionate Son.

Tilton Reynolds