

Letter From Scott, James written Wednesday, March 4th, 1863

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Dear Sister,

I have just received a letter from you dated Feb. 22 and you seem to have the fidgets about not getting letters. I hardly think you go as long without letters as I had a while ago for I have written tolerable regular. There was a spell about a month ago that I did not get a letter for four weeks but I get them regular now for which I am very thankful. I have not wrote as often since we have been here as usual for I have been sick all the time. I have done no duty since we came here and it will be some time before I will be fit to do any although I am on the gain now, but it is a very poor place to gain strength in the water is poor and this Southern climate don't agree with all of us. There is a great deal of sickness in the Reg. The army seems to be doing nothing here at present but working on the canal and it will take a long time to finish it. Our Reg. and the 67th Indiana was ordered up the river today with 12 days rations on a foraging excursion so I had to stay behind again. You spoke as Bob must be very bad of when he can't write. He is a site better able than I am or has been for four weeks but he is too careless to write or to do any thing else. The money you sent in the letters came all right and what you sent with Woodbury. There was four dollars of it came all right which was a darned site more than I expected when I heard who you sent it. I should have written for money long ago. I expected all along that we would get our pay and I knew you needed all the money you had at home and more too, but I was glad that you did for it just came when I was in need of some little luxuries to suit my apetite that we can't get without the money and has to pay very high for them too. I am about out of postage stamps and I can't get them here now so if you can send me 3 or 4 I would be very much obliged. Well I have nothing of importance so will close by sending my love to all.

Jas. Scott

P.S. I almost forgot to tell you that Frank has been promoted to sergeant. Four dollars a month will help him.