Mrs. Lewis thinks I have better stay in the company I am now in.

A day or two ago there was a negro woman with the children escaped from slavery & came into our camp with two children. I could not see but what they were just as smart and intelligent as the common run of the whites one of our own county.

How the cause of our country may prosper when our new troops are put into service yet remaining to be seen. But the cause of the Republic looks dark & uncertain at this time. The old soldiers seem discouraged, they say they have worked and fought hard, and they see the country in no better condition now than it was a year ago.

Let all see and read my letter that are not writing private as I cannot well write often. Please write often and remember me to them as I have said before. My love and a kiss to each of the loved ones, and a good by to all.

Royal E. Potter