

Lashers, P. O. Perry Co., Inc.
May 7th 1865

(J. B. Carr to J. C. Esarey)

Dear Sir: I now take my seat to try to answer your welcome letter of April 6th 65, which came to hand and found us all well. It was read with great satisfaction. I was glad to hear from you and to hear that you had stood the fatigue of a soldier so well and enjoyed good health all through your long campaign. I think it is a great thing to be satisfied. A satisfied mind, I think, saves a soldier of taking a great many doses of medicine. Of course, any man that has a family had rather be at home with them, and at the same time, if he is called away from them for a given time, he can be satisfied for the time being if he is a man of good will in his undertaking. The Union Army has been very successful ever since you went into the service. While the Government has lost its high and worthy President altho the assassin be killed, it cannot restore life to our President, but it will give great pleasure to all of Lincoln's friends to hear he is dead. I don't think that Booth is all the man that will have to die for that crime. Col. Fournier got a kick from a horse which caused his death. He was kicked on Friday, died Saturday and was buried Sunday, the 23rd of April, 1865.

I haven't much of importance to write. As I have the result of the election in Sol's

letter I will not mention it in this, altho I hope to see you return home soon. I think by all of the boys coming home in time for the election, this fall, that we can lay John H. Thompson on the shelf. The southern Confederacy is gone up and Copperheads will go down, so we are aiming to keep all right. Give my best respects to all who chance to inquire for me.

So I must close this time by saying I expect to hear from you soon.

Very respectfully your true friend
J. D. Carr