My Dear Friend:—

your letter

of the 21st rec'd yesterday and it was a very welcome one too. I was beginning to think you had forgotten me but—ah—very very glad you didn't.

you have been very good to me and your kindness is highly appreciated and it would be hard to lose a friend. And I consider you one of the best I have ever though I have never seen you.
But I sincerely hope to see you some time not far distant. And it's possible isn't it?

And so you have gone to Birmingham? I hope you will have had a nice time there. I have heard quite a lot about the place and had some friends living there at one time. But they drifted over the country so much it is hard to keep track of them all. I was about the same way. Here, there and somewhere and nowhere in the end. It's pretty nice to move around like that but it gets tiresome too. A year or less generally makes an ironworker look for new "diggins" in some other city.

Am going to the city to have more photos taken today. Had some taken several weeks ago but have never seen even the prints yet. I've either "busted up the camera" or something of the sort. Hope I get these alright and will be able to send you some soon.

Suppose you have quite an assortment of soldiers boy pictures.

Do you have any from this Co. or regt?
Well now I can't think of any more to write. We don't get much news here only that we are expected to be on our way to France before too very long. We're to the rifle ranges most of the week. Will close for this time hoping to hear from you real soon.

Very sincerely,

Chester.

It'll make all these mistakes a long even if I can't give them now.
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