

of the same preparatory to handing
them over to the C. M. General
we will probably leave for Philad^a
on Monday next to join our
Regt. which in all probability
we will stay for 3 months.

Altho we are liable to receive
marching orders in two days
and are liable to be called south
any day. but my opinion
is that we will be reserved as
a guard to the port of Philadelphia
we can never tell for a certainty one
how what will be the next.

It is rumored around camp to day
that there is a Southern expedition
fitting out and that we are to go
in that. but this seems hardly
probable to my mind as it
would take some two or three
months to get this up & then
it would be getting rather warm
in that climate to undertake
the expedition.

I had my first & only sleigh ride
yesterday I had an invitation by
B. M. Holmes to ride to town
which I of course excepted willingly
you know of course I could not
refuse. It was a very pleasant
ride indeed.

Altho a greater distance ~~intervenes~~
intervenes between us when I
go to Philad^a. yet the chances are
better for me to pay you a
welcome visit than they are here
I think I can purchase a through
ticket for Cleveland dep for Philad^a
than I can from this place at
least they advertise through tickets
for \$6.25 and the fare from Harrisburg
is \$11.00. There is a strip between two
roads for Philad^a which makes the
difference.

I shall ask for a furlough as
soon as I draw some pay which
may be in two weeks & perhaps
longer.