

by the rebels on Thursday last the 27 but this town is only 7 miles distant from our camp you know more about the condition of affairs here than we do every movement is kept close I think it almost time I hear something from Washington in regard to my discharge

We have now 14 sick in our regimental hospital which consists of a large tent 16 feet wide 32 feet long with no floor but the sand we have in it some straw cuts & the balance have to lie upon the ground. My tasks commence at 10 in the morning and continue until 12 at Noon when I go of duty I have some of the time since I have been here been on duty for 18 hours a day, 10 hours are considered a day on extra duty by Uncle Sam and I should receive additional pay for all over time according to the regulations I urged this point to day upon the steward and told him he must add this to our pay roll. He is dull in comprehending his duties The Medical Director gave him a blowing the other day which served to waken him up a little.

There are some fine views of the fort for sale here they are colored & show the inside outside and the surroundings this is something larger than the Mount Vernon picture Price \$1.00 If I had any way to send one so that it would not get spoiled I would send one to you. It is a splendid picture.

We have a man in this regt. that crossed Lake Erie December 1858 in an open skiff and landed in Cleveland one Sunday morning. Father will remember about it. His name is Capt. Winn. This same Winn was in North Carolina first when this rebellion broke out and made his escape by putting to sea in an open boat. He started one Sunday representing that he was going down the Sound on a fishing excursion. Took along some bread & bacon & a cask of water he would run right into the rebel camps inquire after the soldiers & damn the Yankees. He was obliged to lay by one day and fish in order to avoid detection. He bought a no of fish from a fisherman & laid them upon his boat then made himself lines for cutting cord & sent them without hooks they would come along & see the fish, say to him you are having a little luck. Ah yes he would answer so he remained all one day in the inlet at Round Island but as soon as night came under the cover of darkness he put to sea. He was picked up by an English man of war the next day at New York but the Capt. refused to take him along unless he would go as picked up as a distressed seaman. Winn told him his boat had lived for 20 hours upon the open sea & he would run her to Philadelphia.