

would occupy one of these deserted farms and  
make this my future abode If there was any  
place that you could stay at I would have  
you spend the summer here. You would  
come via Pittsburgh to Harrisburgh & Baltimore by rail  
from Baltimore by steamer to Fort Mifflin, this  
is a pleasant trip. there is one hotel at the fort they  
charge \$15.00 per week for board & room

We are expecting that the Maximac will make her  
appearance again and try to run the blockade  
but she will find plenty to do and a warm reception  
before she gets through. We have our 100 vessels  
here now at anchor besides the guns of the fort  
and Rip Raps but enough of this for you can  
read more from the papers than I can tell you.

General McClellan was here in person on Friday  
I suppose that he went forward with the  
troops. The Palau is at Manassas or thereabouts  
I do not hear any thing from Washington yet  
in regard to my discharge. We are to be paid  
on Wednesday next then I am going to try for  
a furlough and shall go via Washington and look  
after this myself. The health of this Regt is  
improving I think there will be but few sick  
in hospital in 10 days more we have received  
but two for the last 4 days

Sergeant C. D. Webster has just handed me a  
couple of papers sent by you for which I am very  
thankful it seems good to get any thing from  
you and hence you know that I always did  
like the Cleveland Herald. I find a number  
of interesting little paragraphs I do not get a  
paper any after since we came here. When at  
Philoa I bought one nearly every day but they  
come so high here that I can not afford it  
Enclosed I will send you some waffles  
and you can use them. I hear a heavy  
cannonading at some distance as I now write  
It is in the direction of Gettysburg. I think  
from appearance that the Michigan 1<sup>st</sup> encamped  
at our right is preparing for an onward march  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of the week.

I attended preaching in this Regt this A.M. we had  
a good discourse for a passage in Pauls Epistle to  
— — — — — There are a number to be mustered out on  
sunday and sent home on account of sickness  
Chris Brown for one he has Consumption they think  
and one or two more from Bradford  
Give my respects to all and believe me yours  
in Love

N. F. Meade

P.S. If there is any they left out in the you wish to  
know I will put it into my next. I have had to get up  
about 25 times while writing this