

Camp Curtin Dec 7th 1861

My Dear Wife,

According to promise I write you again today. I have not succeeded in getting an examination yet nor can I in Pennsylvania at present. Col. Curtis and General James(?) are making an effort to get me an an examination before the Surgeon general of the United States in Washington. I think that they will fail as I understand that they examine nothing below brigade Surgeon there. The Surgeon for our brigade has gone to Washington now for examination and he will make the first move for me. I think we will leave for Washington within three weeks. We are now encamped in Camp Curtin (where the Bucktails were in camp so long in the spring) about one mile north of Harrisburgh with the Broad Susquehannah on the West at a distance of $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile and the insane asylum on the east about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile distant. We are on a slight eminence in plane sight of the capital. There are about 5,000 men in camp here now. I presented a bill for \$55.00 on Thursday and got the money. If I can get a Lieutenants Commission I will stay with this regiment and try in Washington to get upon the medical staff. If not I will come home as I cannot afford to go down there on an uncertainty. Our men will be mustered in today. They were examined by the Surgeon assigned to this regiment yesterday.

I shall stay a week or two to see about a Lieutenants Commission. The pay is only \$5.00 less that Surgeon. There will be a vacancy to be filled soon and the appointing power is with the Governor. I sent you two dollars on Thursday. Judge Holmes will leave for home on Tuesday next and I will send by him \$15.00 more.

There is considerable sickness in camp quite a No. of cases of measles and some Typhoid fever our boys are all well except some slight colds. I acted as surgeon up to last Thursday and there was a mad set of boys when they found that I was crowded off.

I think Harrisburgh only a one horse town the people are quite upish and a good ways behind the times especially for the Capital. It is about the size of Ohio City. If I remain I shall send home my clothes and valise.

Our Regiment have been supplied with their uniforms which are good and comfortable. The coats are dark blue frock with gilt buttons single breasted and trimmed with light blue cord around the collar and cuffs. Pants dark blue.

I think it quite probable that I will be home in 3 or 4 weeks. You can come to Ohio if you like and I will come that way home and spend some time there.

I will enclose the money in this letter and not trouble the Judge.

Pay A.H. the 2 dollars that he gave me when I left and what money he has paid for things for you.

Enclosed find 30. Dollars. Keep it safe as 10D of it belongs to Mother.

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