

Camp Curtin Harrisburgh Pa
January 15, 1862

I wrote you last evening but left it open until this morning, when your welcome letter was gladly received. You cannot tell how much good it does me to get a letter from you. I was very glad to learn that you were well and enjoying yourself as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

I want to see you and Ada very much. Tell Ada that I shall send her my photograph when I get some money.

I am sorry to say that I cannot send you the \$12.00 to day but will as soon as I draw some money which I cannot tell when it might happen. I find that all things are uncertain in the Army. One day one thing is sure and the next it is something else and I cannot tell anything for a certainty.

I can get photographs here ½ size for \$1.00 for the first impression then after I can take as many copys as I like at 50cents a piece.

We will in all probability receive some new order of affairs before the close of the present week.

It is rumored in camp that we will draw our pay within a week but I do not expect or look for it until the 1st of March but will receive it thankfully at any time.

If this regiment breaks up Judge Holmes will lose his position as Quarter Master but will hold his commission as 1st Lieutenant and be obliged to take the field. I will get my discharge and come home if this should prove to be the case.

I wish you were here just to look over our camp and see how we live eat and sleep. I think that we are very comfortably situated for soldiers.

It is storming today a kind of sleet. We have about 1 inch of snow. I have just returned from Harrisburgh where I see many nice things that I would like to send to you had I the means. Oh how I want to see you but will put my trust and confidence in God and abide his good time and pleasure.

You must distribute those little song books that I sent in my valise amongst the children just as you please. If I can manage to get transportation I will come to Cleveland before a great while. If you were at Bradford I could get transportation to go home recruiting but as it is I don't know how to obtain it yet.

P.M. Fuller and D.C. Kinssmer(?) left for home yesterday to be absent for 8 days. I think after about two weeks I can get an unlimited furlough by pulling the right string.

I want you to write after not wait so long again. If only I could have a good quiet place by myself to write so that I could pour out the feelings of my heart I would like it but here it is all confusion and 15 or 20 in and out this one looking over your shoulder and that one talking that it makes it very unpleasant and one has to be very careful what he writes and sometimes it is almost impossible to write at all. Give my love to your expected Brother in law and believe me yours in love. Newton