

Camp Curtin Jan 17th 1862

Dear Wife,

This is the last time that I will write you from Camp Curtin. Yesterday our regiment was by agreement consolidated with the 58th of P.V. encamped at Camp Roxbury near Philadelphia. J. Richter Jones is the Col. and Col. Curtis takes the position of Lieutenant Col.

S. Holmes, Agitant, E. Holmes Wagon Master, C.D. Webster Sergeant Major or something better and Dr. Marsh has hospitale Steward and the Col. wants to give him something better if he can find a place.

Our Regt. marched out of Camp Curtin this morning at 9 o'clock and took the cars for Phila. The boys went off in good spirits all feeling well. Myself, C.D. Webster, E. Holmes, W. Miller were detailed to remain to take care of the Quarter Masters stores and take an invoice of the same preparatory to handling them over to the Q.M. General. We will probably leave for Phila. on Monday next to join our Regt. where in all probability we will stay for 3 months. Altho we are liable to receive marching orders in two days and we 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 one can never tell for a certainty one hour what will be the next.

It is rumored around camp today 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 and then it would be getting rather warm in that climate to undertake the experamit[sic].

I had my first and only sleigh ride yesterday. I had an invitation by Q.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 between us when I go to Phila. 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 less from Phila 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 strife(?) between two roads from Phila which makes the difference.

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

I received a letter from A.H. Johnson the same day I received your last he writes that the Diptheria still continues to rage there. Seven families in the town of Bradford are childless. Webster got a letter from home this evening. Travers(?), who lives in A T Newals(?) farm has lost a child. Stone's girl is sick and two or three more. Now Dr. Baker has got to drinking hard I understand this Winter and is going down hill fast. The report is that he keeps half or two thirds drunk all the time.

Earnest Wright was in camp yesterday on his way to join the Bucktails again he had some 5 or 6 boys with him. Andy Buchanan was one. We have buried two from our regt. while in Camp Curtin they both died with Typhoid fever. We have some 8 or 10 sick with the measels

now. John Nibs is one. He came down last night but is having them rather light. I will write a few lines on another sheet to Ada.

Yours in love and affection. N.F. Marsh