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Camp Warren Sunday July

Dear Sister

I received your kind and welcome letter yesterday. I was on picket guard when Capt. [unclear] put it down. You have no idea how much good it does me to hear from her. I read it three times in as many hours and again this morning. I think if you will write often and give me as good advice any time as you did, I can go through with a brave heart and unflinching nerve ever trusting in a higher power than man. You wanted me to tell you all the news I had and much to tell our uniformed regent. Come yet or wait for some four weeks yet. The Gov.

visited our camp on the 26th  
The ~~start~~ leaves tomorrow for  
Washington City to get our uni-  
forms we have been getting our  
pay in a day or two every since  
we came here and the talk  
is know that we will get it  
in about three months what  
the boys will do for money  
I dont know. one half of  
them at the present have not  
an cent. and very little cloth-  
ing. We do our own cooking  
and have a fine time of it  
There is seven in our mess  
We have quite a variety of thing  
to cook and of cooking utensils  
We have a big kettle to cook  
our beef and pork beans and coff-  
ee in and a stew pan to  
fry our meat boil rice and  
wash our dishes in. Kettle and



and pan is all the cooking  
interests we have and that  
is a plenty after you get  
us to it I wish you would  
come down and take din  
ner with us if you conclude  
to come Just let us know  
a day or two before hand and  
we will have things picked  
up a little We have a good  
visitors the Ladies and Gents  
have a fine time coming out  
to see the soldiers (or I suppose  
they have) for there is from  
thirty to fifty out every day  
and of a Sunday the camp  
grounds are full.

We had a Regimental  
drill yesterday it was a nice  
thing on at least I thought  
so There was several Ladies out  
to see us per each there was

about three thousand on  
 parades we all went down  
 to town yesterday we were  
 a good deal like a gang of  
 school children when we  
 got out of the camp  
 There is very little sickness  
 in camp only 10 or 12 in  
 the Hospital none of them  
 dangerous I never had better  
 health in my life or  
 better appetite. There has been  
 several discharges in the last two  
 weeks. We only had one in  
 our Co. that was Jim Stout  
 I said he hadn't spunk enough  
 to take the oath we lead  
 him down to the gate and  
 told him to go home  
 Jim we didn't want  
 any such men in our



Ranks. we treated him  
with a great deal more  
respect than he deserved  
He didn't want anybody  
to know that we had  
any such man in our  
company. Tell our folks  
to treat him with all  
the respect due to men  
of his stripe. I expect  
we will stay here until  
next fall ~~for~~ there is very  
little prospect of our getting  
our uniform or arms soon  
I haven't forgotten my prom-  
ise about the likeness. I will  
send it as soon as <sup>we</sup> get  
our uniform.

You spoke about the time  
passing long since I left  
that has been any longer

to you than it has been  
to me why it has passed  
rather slow or it did for  
the first few days but after  
we got to doing our own  
cooking it passes off fine  
I got a letter from  
home yesterday and a  
promise of a ~~men~~ soon  
They gave rather a gloomy  
account of the crops

They are pretty good here  
but late

you must be pretty bad  
scared if all accounts be  
true concerning the late inva-  
sion from Missouri There has  
been a letter come to the  
camp but what gave an  
account of it It came  
out in the Hawk Eyes and  
created considerable stir some



of the boys talk of going  
home to help drive the foe  
back. We could have helped  
you right smart for we  
have about 50 stand of  
Arms and no ammunition  
I hardly think the Dr  
is entitled to a law  
warrant, but if Congress  
will grant it, it is all right  
I suppose you have heard  
about our defeat at Mannassas  
 Junction the boys say they  
would liked to have been  
there and had a hand in  
fight I think I had  
better quit as I have ~~written~~  
enough now to weary your  
patience. Write soon and  
after direct care of Capt  
Saunders. W. W. Bumpkin



The Union---It must and shall be Preserved.

Camp Jessie, St Louis, Sept 12

Dear Sister

I Received your letter some <sup>days</sup> back, and have neglected writing until I am heartily ashamed of myself. but if you will forgive me this time I will try and be more punctual in the future. I was cook when I got your letter and hadent time to writ. beside Will. Mare, arrived a few minnutes after I got it out of the office

He was well and in fine spirits. He said he saw you and the Dr. at Wilsons and you were well and the Dr was at his



old tricks, Making Speeches  
He seemed to think that Miss  
Jolly made the best speech that  
he ever heard. The Iowa 4<sup>th</sup> left  
here daybefore yesterday for Rolla.

They received their Arms and a  
part of their uniforms before  
they left. They left in fine  
spirits. Said they expected to  
give a good account of  
themselves. You wanted to  
know how I was getting  
along. Very well. Or as well  
as could be expected of a man  
that is half starved.

I have just been to dinner  
guess what we had for dinner.  
Well I will tell you  
Baked beef sweet potatoes soup  
bread and water  
We have plenty of every thing

to eat. One cause of so much sickness in camp, is eating so much fruit, and trash of every kind. There is not dangerously sick but a good many complaining, for my part I never enjoyed better health in my life haven't been sick a day since I left home and am getting so fat you would hardly know me. As to the next question how I spend my leisure hours. That is hard to answer.

Sometimes we read the Evening papers and sometimes read our bible. I think we have made considerable progress towards getting through our bible. for we have got to the 4 chapter of St Luke. We attend church



Sunday. and if we dont go  
to church, we are pretty sure of  
the guard house.

General Fremont is preparing  
for and attacked on St Louis.

He has breastworks nearly all  
around the City. The men work  
on the Batteries day and night  
They are mounting them with  
heavy canon and will soon  
be ready to defend the City  
from every foe.

We havent sent our likeness yet  
for we havent got our uniform  
and I dont want to send it until  
we get it. I expect we will  
get our pay in a few days  
next wednesday our first pay  
ment is due. ~~Left~~ Our uniforms  
and knapsacks I dont know  
when we will get them

Mrs. M. A. C.

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Nov

Sept 12  
3 O'clock P.M.

I would like to eat  
plumbe with you very much  
But I suppose it will be  
impossible for me to eat  
plumbe with you this  
fall. I have no objection  
to your preserving a jarful  
for I think I will be at  
home againet the first of  
March if not sooner.

You said you would write  
often if you knew where to  
write to. Direct to St. Louis  
Mo. P. O. Regt Iowa Vol  
P. S. James Lickers wants  
to know whether my Lickers  
is staying with you



If not called for within 10 days, return to  
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Agents Pottsville Rolling Mills,  
74 Broadway, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Capt W. F. Vermilion  
Senate Chamber  
Des Moines  
Iowa



Dec 2, 1862

Lavinia Crogeing

Dear Sister

I Recd your kind and  
welcome letter by last night's  
mail and was very glad to  
hear from you once more  
It had been so long since  
I had got a letter from  
you, that I thought you  
had forgotten me or had  
grown very careless about  
writing. Oh you know how  
much good it does a poor  
fellow to get letters from  
loved ones at home you  
would write oftener than  
you do

I too have been suffering from  
an individual sett of weather  
for some time. I have been  
so hoarse for several days that I  
cant ~~talk~~ speak above a whisper.  
I am getting better now and I think  
we will be all right in a few  
days again. We are camped for  
the present on Lamine River  
1 mile south East of Otterville  
on the Pacific Rail Road. I dont know  
how long we will stay here  
probably all winter, and we  
may leave here in a few days.  
I will have to quit ~~and~~ go  
on battalions drill. we drill about  
four hours each day, two hours  
in the forenoon and two in  
the afternoon. I cant think of  
any thing to write that would  
interest you, there is so much fuss  
in the tent it is almost impos-  
sible to think of any thing

you wanted to know what  
we thought of Fremont.

That is rather a hard question  
to answer, like every body else  
he has his friends and enemies

For my part I think, He is all right

There is a good many think's he is  
not what he professes to be

But I suppose time will prove  
all things, if he is innocent of  
the charges that his foes ~~has~~ charge  
him with. I hope he may prove  
so it to the satisfaction of every  
body concerned, and if guilty he  
may meet with his just deserts.

It is getting late  
and I will have to go on  
dress parade in a few moments

There is a good deal of sick<sup>ness</sup>  
in the Regt. Co. E. has about  
one third of her men ~~is~~ on  
the sick list, none of them  
very dangerous. There has been 3 deaths



in the Company.

I never enjoyed better health  
in my life except the past  
two or three weeks. I have had a  
very bad cold.

We have had beautiful weather  
this fall and winter, it is cold  
and blustering. This evening even  
looks like snow. I expect I will  
have to go on guard tomorrow  
we have to stand guard about every  
third day.

When I get a new suit of  
cloths, and to some place where  
I have the chance I will have  
that pretty taken and send  
to you. I we are looking for  
uniform every day, we expect some  
thing nice this time.

We recd our second payment on  
the first of this month \$26.00

Direct St Louis and it will  
be forwarded to me W. P. Kemp  
write often

I have not heard from Wood-side or your father for a long time  
The last was through your letter. What your father wrote you. I think  
very little about our property back - not as much as I ought. But then  
I can't think about every thing. There is a good deal of property back  
there to be left so loose, but the cause requires it. If we do loose a  
good deal of it, <sup>it</sup> will have to go, we can't help it. But what do you  
suppose father folks would say if they knew how much we had  
sacrificed to get into the service of the Country. They would think  
that I am a fool. Well I may be, but Dollie if you heard  
them before I get an opportunity to go to see you it will be a  
long time before I see them to talk to them about it

I think that my father is against the cause I am pushing every  
thing for. Falls to bitter against his Country to talk about the  
war. Let them be traitors Dollie if they want to be. They are no  
relatives of mine. No person who wish people well, that are trying  
to take my hearts blood from me shall sell me brother by  
my consent. I feel to indig rant Dollie to write any  
more about it. But I love you with all of my heart. If you  
have the money to spare get game or dress worth \$2- or \$3. & give  
it her.

Good by for this time Dollie Good bye you  
M. J. Semlin



(P. M.)  
On Board The Vernon, St Louis, Tuesday, 3 o'clock

My Own Dear Love,

Here I am on the Keokuk Packet, all safe and right, darling. But I am tired, so that I can't write hardly. I got on the cars at Green castle last night the 20th, at ten o'clock P. M. and came through safely without changing cars, or having any bad luck at all except that it rained all the time till eight o'clock this morning, and that our locomotive broke through the road, a few miles this side of Paris, about one o'clock, and turned over, and we had to stay there till half past six this morning, and had to go without anything to eat till then when we ate breakfast at Paris. I came this route because the ticket agent at Green castle advised <sup>me</sup> to do so, as I wouldn't have to change cars at all. I have got along without one bit of trouble darling so far. I want you with me worse than I can tell you ~~see~~ my sweet love, but I can travel alone fine so far as getting along is concerned. A nice looking old man and his niece got on the train at Terre Haute going to Keokuk. Their seat was next to mine all the way and we got a little acquainted last night. We came on the boat together and he looked after my trunk and got me a ticket to Keokuk, and a state room. He asked me to let his niece room with me, as he was afraid she would be lonesome. She is a very quiet nice looking girl, and I couldn't refuse, though I would rather have been alone. I have a ticket now and a check to Keokuk. The boat will start in a few minutes. I am very tired and sleep my precious one, but I wanted the first thing I did after washing and combing my hair, to tell my darling where I am and how I am. I will get this mailed here if I can at all. I sent you a long letter from Green castle yesterday. And when you get that I know you will want to hear how I am getting on. We will get to Keokuk they say tomorrow evening. I have had just as pleasant a trip, dearest as I could have without my precious love with me. I don't mind traveling alone now. I am glad I can, for I may go to you some day. It is hard to have to go the other way now, when my heart is at Helena. When I get home my pet I will tell you everything. I can't now. I will rest a little while. Write to me often my darling at Logansport. God Bless you

Your own true Callie



Oct 24

It is raining this morning, one of those cold chilly, <sup>rainy</sup> you know I always hated so bad. Nights before last it frosted, quite of frost this is a queer climate. I always surprise the seasons would be warm until late in the fall, days and nights both, but such is not the case. The nights are nearly as cold here as they were in Iowa this time last year. But still there must be good deal of warm weather yet before winter sets in. Here it is only the 24<sup>th</sup> of Oct, and we have had frost and some ice already.

We can't drive this morning. The weather is too bad, and I will assure you the boys don't care much, for they nearly all hate to drive. Every few days they get a report in circulation that we are going some place or another. The other day they got the report in circulation that we were going to Alton to guard prisoners, and some ones really believed it. Then again they had it, that we were going into the Army of the Potomac, and some really believed that. My idea is that we will remain West of the Mississippi. There must be quite an army here to hold all this country until peace is made, and even then it will require something of a force to keep the country all right. But then the Major ought to do that with the help of the regular army. While I think of it - don't let Jim go into the regular service if you can help it. It will ruin him. He is young now and if he gets attached to such a life he will not be likely to ever do any good at anything else. It is a noble thing for a young man to volunteer to defend his country, which is in peril, but to sacrifice one's self so far as to go into the regular service is too much like one of our young ladies going into a nunnery. Keep him from it if you can, for I will assure you he will not find the regular service like being under a John Edwards at Springfield. This sheet you see is nearly full. It is enough to send in one letter. Keep it if you can. I am quite well this morning, if the weather is bad. Don't get the blue. I am not going to talk about anything - if you want work so hard. I love you Dollie. You know that don't you Dollie.



Ten o'clock P.M.

Good news for me Dollie. All our clothing and tents have come up. That is it is over the river at the Depot.

We are well yet them all tomorrow. So I hope to be comfortably situated tomorrow evening at this time. If I get a good tent I shall have no more squats with Col. Pittsburg about the way we have to live. We will turn all our attention to the mens Barracks. Ours is not quite covered yet, and we need chimney - or chimneys in it, for the weather is getting so cool to do without fire.

We had a fine Brigade Drill this afternoon. Col. McClain of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Ind. is commanding. He drills tolerably well besides he is a very fine man. I like him. But he will soon be sent back to his Regiment, for there are Brigadiers enough here now to command all the Brigades we have. Col. Samuel A. Rice - no, Brig. Gen. Samuel A. Rice of Oskaloosa Iowa will command us. He came out as Col. of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Iowa. We think him a fine officer. In our Brigade we have 77<sup>th</sup> Ohio. The Regiment the 6<sup>th</sup> Iowa was with so long. It was reported they ran at the battle of Chiloah. They appear to be a good Regt now. General Solomon of Wisconsin, a Dutchman and the man who really fought the battle at Helena has come up and is going to take command of our Division. There is but one other Brigade in the Division. It is composed of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Regiments, and the 28<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin. Col. Benton of the 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa is now commanding it, but he will soon be sent to his Regiment to give place for another Brigadier who has just come up. I forget his name but they say he is an Illinois man. Every body in the Army Dollie is working for promotion and it is seldom given to those who deserve it for meritorious conduct. The shrewd wire-walker always gets place first. This is the case from the highest to the lowest officers. Goodly Dollie I love you with all my heart. I will go to bed

Capt. W. F. Vermilion

36th Regt, Iowa Vol. Inf

Helena,

Arkans

I send you two letters by Mr. Grissom  
If you are gone when he gets to Helena  
he will mail the letters to you. I  
hope you will get both at once. I send  
you a pair of socks and a dollar worth  
of postage stamps. And I send love  
my dear. This is all I can send you yet.



Wednesday Morning, 7 o'clock.

My Dearest Love. Mr. Grissom has just been here, and says he is going to start to Helena tomorrow. He will take letters to your company if they are ready soon. I wish I had known it yesterday and I would have written you a great deal more. I will write all I can though. He has gone down to McCullough's now, but will be back here in a few minutes. Then I must give him the letter. I wish I had time to send you some little presents, but I can think of nothing he can take but a pair of socks. I expect you have plenty of socks, darling, but Dollie knit these for you. You will like to wear them better on that account won't you, love? I will send you some postage stamps too. Mr. Eads says it is hard to get them at Helena. I wish I could send you something else, my precious darling, but I can't think of anything else he can take. I send you love. You know that, and that I would do everything for you if I could. God bless my husband!

If you are not coming home very soon, and can get it - won't you send me your likeness by Mr. Grissom? I want one dear love, I want a large one. I don't know how to do without seeing you any longer. And put a lock of your hair in with it. It has grown long enough by this time to give a little lock to Dollie, hasn't it? I will go to see Mr. Grissom as soon as he gets home. Father says he is almost a copperhead, but he will take our letters safely and quicker than they could go by mail. Send me a sprig of Cypress I want to see what it is like. Send me any little thing you can, dear one, that your hands have touched. Father is busy writing to Will. You tell him, darling, that I couldn't write to him by this opportunity. I send him love and good wishes. I wish I could have time to write you a good letter, my pet. I am sorry I can't do better. Father and I are going to Woodside today. We will go in the wagon and bring home our molasses. The barrel is full and it is excellent. Father is very uneasy about the mare - I have named her Papito-lo, and I will call her by that name in my letters. He stops his plow today



to go and see her. He thinks a great deal of her. He says he will do the very best  
he can for you. I know he will. If she can walk here without hurting her  
worse than she is I expect we will bring her home. If she cant come now  
I will go and see her again soon. I will write to you all about her when I get  
back. Father says it will not be right to get him another horse. He will  
have to get one himself, or do without. We are going to watch Jake as well  
as we can, and the oxen. We will do just as you tell us, dearest, about every-  
thing. I think he may do a good deal better now I have come home, and they  
expect you before long. I hope he will. You have lots of friends watching  
him. Marchbanks's little boy was the friend who sent word to Mullinnix  
about his cutting the grove. The children couldnt stand that. We are going to  
start to Woodside about eleven o'clock. They were very clever when I was there  
and talked very fair, but I could see they were thunderstruck when I went.  
I want to look around more to day. Father will be with me you know. I dont  
know that I can tell you any more about Woodside. This is all I know my-  
self. Father has some money here for you, somewhere near a hundred  
dollars. He dont know just how much and we have it time to count it  
this morning. I will take it before I write again and tell you all about it.  
I have been so busy since I came home that I have not had time to look a-  
round hardly. I will get things straightened up before long. But I am not  
going to neglect my "Peaches" to do anything else in the world. You know  
this, dont you, my sweet love? I will write to you often. Dont forget to send your  
letters to Teominon. It is the best place. Mary Waiten gets letters from Henry  
in seven days. That is not so bad, dear one. She gets two every week she says.  
I am going there to stay all day as soon as I can. More people have sent for me  
since I came home than I can possibly visit this summer. It is so different  
from Indiana, my love. There it was hardly respectable to be a soldier's wife,  
here it is a passport to the hearts and homes of all good people. I am going to  
visit as many of our friends as I can. They like you, and I like them all for that. I  
hope your Dollie is a better woman than she used to be. She tries to be better my  
dear one. She wants to be worthy of you. I know I never can do enough for you, dearest.



You know father wrote once that I had to pay for my board in Indiana -  
and I thought Julia had told something about it. I was mistaken. It was  
Mr. Eads said you were going to pay my board there. Mullinnix told  
father. John was very indignant over it; and thought I had union friends  
enough here to board me till you come home. He laughs and says he will  
keep me one month for you. It hasn't been told to any one else I guess. Of  
course I care nothing about it, darling, and I only speak of it because I had  
thought Julia told it. We don't owe anything for my board, my darling.  
I am glad of it. I have no hard or unkind feelings toward any one there,  
except John Perryman. I am afraid I can't forgive him for what he said.  
But we won't talk about such things now. I am home, and we have friends,  
good friends. Humphrey was here yesterday, to see me. I didn't know that  
last night. I thought he was only at the funeral. He was gone before I got  
home. I wish I had seen him. They can't come to see me well; they have no homes.  
I want to go there as soon as I can. And Mrs. Gibbons has sent for me, particularly.

I haven't written you half I want to, my pet, but I must quit, and put up  
my letters. I am quite well. Every body talks about my looking so bad  
but I feel well since I came home. I can stay here very comfortably. But  
don't tell 'em I'm dooking, but what I am going to house keeping something  
during the summer. Father and mother both send thier love to you. Father  
says tell you he will do all he can for you. Mother believes God will bring  
home all her children. She claims you as much as either of the others. They  
have done better than I thought they could, alone. Father says if you don't want  
to sell your young cattle next fall, and you should not believe them, he will  
bring them here and winter them. But you will come home before winter  
to stay I hope, and believe, my dearest one. Don't you think so? I must quit.  
Write me all you possibly can, my sweet love. It has been a long time  
since I got a letter. I think one will come to night. I can hardly wait.  
I wish I could send you something more, my dear, but I can't this time.  
You know my will is good. Goodly my precious one. May good angels guard  
you always. Take good care of your health, my pet, and don't forget your Dollie.



I have such poor envelopes that I must wrap my letter up to send it - I cant spare a page.

I dont like blank pages much darling. Do you?

It is now twelve o'clock and getting colder every minute. I am afraid I cant go down there this week. If I cant I will be patient and wait.

They are going to kill hogs here one day this week. They have eight or nine. Father manages badly I think. They are pretty hard run for money.

I dont think he makes any money scarcely. He talks of sending the farm next year to John Bunyan. I dont know whether he will. They say

they dont get along near so well as they used to when the children were all at home. I guess

it is about the same. People often think any time better than the present. John stays here, in

spite of jeers and jibes and reproaches and scoldings such as you would not endure one month for all they are worth, and gets his liv-

ing and every dime he can off the homestead. He dont care what they say or think of him.

He cares for money and he means to have it.

He is a queer genius that John.

I fear my own darling that when I hear from  
you again, you will be gone from St Louis, and  
I can hardly ever hear from you then. Write to  
me as often as you possibly can. I will write all  
the time, by every opportunity. I will darling.

Goodly again and may the good God save and bless  
you always. Mary



Wednesday Morning

I will try to send my letter to the office  
this morning by the doctor. He is coming  
out. He took one for me the other day.  
Henry is better. He is eating his breakfast  
- a cup of coffee and a biscuit and  
butter. We are all well and right this  
morning. It is very cold. John can't take  
me to day. Father is shelling corn to take  
to mill.

I want you to tell me darling what you  
get to eat. What sort of bread have you  
Is it well cooked? Do you sleep good  
and warm and comfortably of nights?  
I think of you every minute. I would  
give every thing I have in the world to  
have you home with me now. I would  
darling. Still I am proud of my gal-  
lant soldier husband. But I love  
you too much. I can't bear the sep-  
aration like a brave woman ought.  
My head is all night enough dearest

but my heart is weak and afraid  
You don't know dear how contemptible  
these men at home all look  
to me now. I have no patience  
with them at all. I have not seen  
a woman whose husband is in the  
war since I came to this store;—  
except Julia you know.

Goodbye my own sweet love. You  
know how Dallis loves you. Don't you?  
If you come home dear I am afraid  
I shall pet you and spoil you till  
I won't know what to do with you.  
I will be good to you darling, and try to  
make your home happy.

John says he is going to mill and he  
will take my letters to the office  
I didn't know he was going.

Try to write me one long letter soon  
before you leave St Louis. God bless  
and protect my darling!  
Yours Dallis



I don't know that I have any news to send fathers folks, except to Henry  
& Jane Gies Mother. Tell them all if it comes in the way that I think just  
as much of a rebel here who is trying to shoot me every day as I do of any  
person who sympathizes in the least with any person who is in arms against  
the Government. That is not ex act what I wanted to say but let it go.

Will

I have some five Dollars yet. I am saving it for fear I get sick. But I guess I will not do that thing if I can help it

I will look perhaps there are some scraps of letters I have thrown aside, that you would like to read - If there are I will send them to you

I love you, good Darling, Will Beville



Friday Morning - My precious darling, I am in dis-  
-pair this morning almost. The news is now, that  
instead of our taking Vicksburgh and so many  
prisoners, Sherman was repulsed with a loss  
of from 3 to 5 thousand men. This news came  
yesterday. Oh, dear love I am so troubled about  
you. I am afraid you are now at Vicksburgh  
or will have to go there. And I am afraid they  
will kill you, my love. I have not seen any pa-  
pers this week, and all I know is hearsay. I  
cant wait, it seems to me, for news. Yesterday  
I was in good spirits about the war, now I  
am appalled at our fearful loss of brave  
men 10 thousand of Rosecrans and three  
thousands of Sherman's

I want to write to you dearest, but I dont  
know what to say. I can say nothing  
comforting. I try to give you into God's  
care. I know he can protect and save you  
in every danger. On my knees, darling I  
have implored his protection for you.  
He alone can comfort us in times like  
these. I am afraid you are sick and  
suffering my sweet love. Do tell me  
how you are getting on, in every respect  
Abe is going to town and is waiting for my  
letter. I must quit. Goodby my own  
dear love. I love you so much dearest.  
Dont forget me, Dont forget to love me.  
Come home if you are sick. Come dear



I don't know when I will get to mail my letter, and I will continue writing. I want to send you some money my love, and I will if you are not paid when you write again. Don't let the want of money trouble you for one moment. I would send you five dollars (I would not send more at once, for fear of losing it.) in this letter if I knew father had not sent you any. If you are not paid dear I will send you money, one bill at a time. I can do it very well. If I need more then, to go home on, father can send it to me. Don't that way do darling? You must not get the blues about this, sweet love. Let me send it, won't you? I have between thirty and forty dollars. I am not going to spend any more so early this winter. If you are sick, or if you get sick, I want <sup>you</sup> to come home - or come here, where Dollie is - and I know you must have money to bring you. Do let me send it, dear one. Then I want you to buy everything you need and can get to make you comfortable. Did you have anything you could eat while you were sick. You had no milk. I'm afraid to eat with your smock. Poor Darling! Dollie will pay you for all these hardships, when you come home. I am very sorry that you don't have good officers. I know you don't like them, darling, and they don't treat you well. Be as patient as you can, and remember that you are serving your country - not Col. Kittridge. May you soon get a better officer. Do the other Companies like him. Is he better to them than you

Look beyond him, looking to the cause you both serve. I am much  
afraid he will make your duty unpleasant, and hard and dan-  
gerous for you. Oh, dear one, be cautious. You are surrounded  
by so many dangers already. If he hates you love, there is no tell-  
ing what he may do. Be watchful. Write me how you get on with him.  
Tell Will to keep in good spirits. I have written to him twice  
since I heard from him. And now, my own love, Goodby again.  
I hope you will be well when I hear from you again. Oh darling  
you must not be sick, where Dollie can't go to you. If things don't  
go better in the regiment-darling, or you get sick, resign and come home.  
Can't you my loved one? I don't want to advise you wrong, but I don't want you  
to stay there and suffer. God bless you always, and now Goodby  
Your Dollie



My Dear Mary.

Since I left you I have thought of you every moment. I will love you true more if possible than while at home. So be in good hearts. Ill be yours for ever.

Do wish me to send you & invitation to visit the for 3 or 4 weeks. You will pass the time pleasantly no doubt by so doing.

Remember me my dear & write often  
Give to my poor old Parents my best love after yours  
Good bye Polly.

Will Permittin

Saturday, Providence, Nov. 7

This is a nice morning, and not cold. I have just got little Pouch  
Hickox to go over to Mr. Gilbert's and take my letter. I told her she should  
take Procter and have a nice ride, and stay all day. Of course she was  
eager to go. I didn't know of any other way to get my letter mailed.  
I feel quite well this morning. I slept last night, and hardly coughed any  
all night. I am much better of it than I been before since I took the cold.  
I wish I could know that you are as well to day, as I am, my best darling.  
It will be four weeks to morrow, since your last letter was written. That is  
so long to do without hearing from you, beloved. I hope I shall get a letter  
in the morning. This is Saturday and I have a good deal to do to day. I shall  
not work too hard. Don't be uneasy, my pet. I don't know anything more  
that I can tell you about our business, darling. I am not afraid to keep  
our money here, now. Times are safer than they were six months ago.  
I want you to keep plenty to make you as comfortable as you can be, love.



Get everything you need. I want you to do this, sweet pet. Then, if you  
have any money to send home your Pallas will keep it for you safely  
till you come to use it. You know she will, dont you, dear one? That  
is unless some disaster should befall her. She will do the best she can.  
I am almost in despair about your coming home soon. But I cant  
give you up, love. I will look for you. I will hope you are coming.  
I dont know what to do about renting Woodside. I want you to come  
on that account too. You would know what to do. I am afraid if I let  
Hoover have it, it will not be right; and on the other hand, if I dont  
rent to him, I may not have another as good a chance. I cant learn  
anything about him at all. You know, pet, I have little chance to find  
out much about a strange man. I must quit writing, and start Pa-  
chel off. I will write again to night. I will inquire about that money  
you gave Lon. Pykes. Father says he believes Mullinix kept some of the money  
he got for our bags to pay Dixie. I would not be surprised if Lon. kept it at all.  
I never got but \$500 for the bags. I will keep things as straight as I can, darling.  
I love you, my husband. Oh, how much I love you! God bless you. Goodbye. Pallas

Monday Morning - It is six o'clock and we are just  
ready to start, John is going and gone and Esther.  
I am well. It is a nice morning. Goodly, my sweet  
one. I put on my bonnet now, and start, John and  
Esty are going to get me their pictures for me in town.  
I am in cheerful working, and I love you so much.