

Camp Washburn
Milwaukee
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Well Brother Soldier

It was with much pleasure I heard from you once more & have hardly heard from you since you left me & did not know but you had gone the way of all the earth. But I am sorry to hear you are in such poor health I think you had better take good care of your self or else you wont be good for much if you have many more hurts I think they ought to begin to catch sturgeon by this time. Tell Phoebe I guess he better keep his looking old hood off if he wants to catch any fish tell him he must look ragged. I wrote one letter to them Phoebe & his wife when I first came in to Camp but I got no answer yet And I dont write the 2nd letter to any one when they dont answer the first that isnt my style Our regiment is full Mumps & Measles are prevailing yet 18 in the hospital only one from this Co. James Burt They are drilling us about five hours in a day now every man fit for duty has to go on sword drill. We drill by Battalion instead by Companies four Companies in a Battalion ours is in the 1st Battalion Wm Woods Capt Dale Capt Hartwell Capt Hutchings & They have appointed our non commissioned officers 1st Sergeant G. T. Wilkins Corporal 3rd W. S. Ball
2nd " A. G. Palmer " 4th Tom Woods
3rd " S. Chualch " 5th S. G. Beagle
4th " C. E. Fourbert " 6th A. M. Johnson
5th " M. Hill 7th W. C. Jones
2d M. " W. S. Stringham 8th E. Crockett
Corporals 1st C. Adamson From J. W. Dick
2 E. C. Wheelock To J. M. Dick
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Friend Edgar

I now grab my ever faithful pen to try to answer your kind and welcome letter which came to hand last night. I was very glad to hear from you once more and to hear you were well. I began to think you had forgotten me entirely. But the reception of your letter changed the current of my thoughts. I am not very well at present or very sick. But I have got the mumps perhaps you have had them if so you know what they are I have had them most a week and I don't see as they get any better. Hoel & Ira have also got them Sylvester has got some better so he is out of the hospital but he can hardly see any thing out of one eye. All the rest of the boys are in good health. I have no news to write you this time. Only our ^{company} ~~regiment~~ has been assigned their position in the regiment. We are Co. A. of the first Battalion so you see we are on the right of the first Battalion and on the right of the regiment and in front on a march. You said the reason you did not write sooner was you expected me home. I will tell you Ed. you need not expect any of us home until you see us for we don't know as we shall come at all or not. There is so many out of this Co. on furloughs who have stayed over their time. We don't know as we shall go south or where we shall or as we shall go at all. There is one sure thing that they will have to pay us of before they remove us or discharge us. I have not asked for a furlough yet but I shall about the 18 of this month. And if I don't get one I shall think swear words I shall ask only once and if I am refused I will get mad and stay in Camp Coura in friendship

John W. Dick

Direct to Co. A. 2nd Regiment W.B.

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