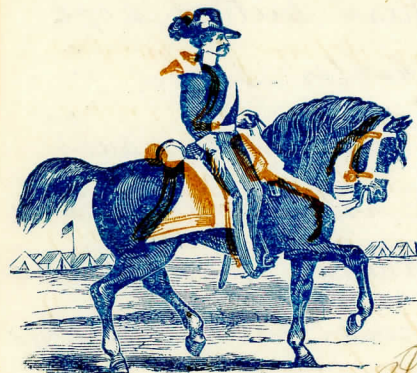




Camp Washburne,

Milwaukee Jan^y the 28 1862.

Dear friend Abba

I received your kind
kind letter last evening and was glad
enough to hear from you and to hear
that you enjoyed your self so well
to the Washington hall and to hear
that you had such a good supper but
I should suppose that you could relished
something else at that time as well as
cabbage I suppose you went for the ride
as much as any thing

we are all well but Net he is very
sick his eyes is swelled so that he
is nearly blind his left eye is
completely closed and the other not much
better he has gone to the hospital but
they have got such a miserable doctors
there that it is doubtful about his

getting much help there but I hope
that he will get better soon
I don't know what the doctors call
it but it looks to me like the
mumps it is a rather a hard disease
any way I don't know when the boys
will be home they thought they would
be home last week but they cannot
come before next month at any rate but
they would like to go furstrate they
cannot get furlows they are trying
to come all the time but the
captain cannot spare them now not
untill he can get more men in their
places so you must not look for
them untill you see them we
are going to have a payment in
about 12 days then I suppose they
will go I am quite contented here
so far and I mite as well be for
I cannot get away till Victorine I
should ^{like to} ~~take~~ supper with her very much
for I am quite tired of our rations

here we have to live on beef and
I don't like that prettymuch for
it is getting to be an old story
to me give my best respects to
all inquiring ^{friends} and to Victorine
especially I suppose I must go and
drill now for one or two ours Well
I have got back from drill and now
I shall try to finish my extra letter
you must excuse all poor writing and
bad spelling for you will find plenty
of it here I guess I must bring my
letter to a close I guess I have
wrote all I know and making a
little more you must write as
often as you can make it comint
to your own good will for I
could read a letter from brother town
every day now more at pleasant
yours most Respectfully
L. E. Mackay
Miss Anna S. G. G. G.