

the same, Well Ed I heard some
news concerning you since I came
away from there I heard you went
home with six girls in one night
is it so, if it is so I am going
to have you Court-martialed I did
not think you would take advantage
of my absence and cut up such a
rummy as that. And has me poor
devil cant so much as get a squint
at one but I spose it is good
enough for a soldier But I must
quit my foolishness perhaps I have
waried your patience already So I
will quit so good bye

Yours in Friendship

O haste

John W. Dick

To Edgar A. Dick

Write soon

Direct to Milwaukee Wis
In care of Capt Woods

2nd Regt. W.C.

Camp Washburne

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Friend Edgar

I now take my gold pen
in hand to let you know I am still
numbered among the living And enjoying
pretty good health for me. My appetite
is such as will admit of my eating
my regular rations But I tell you
I cant eat any pie or cake nowday.
But I would try if I had any to
try. Wont you please send me a peice
in a letter and I will send you some
as good beef as you ever put your
lip to. But enough of this perhaps
you will begin to think I am not
contented But I tell you I am well
suited with a soldiers life so far,
We have enough to eat a good place
to sleep in, And good officers So
you see I have no cause to complain
All of the boys are satisfied at
last I have not heard any complaints

We was mustered in last Monday. We
was the first Company sworn in and
We are on the right on a dress parade.
And I hope we shall be Company A.
I tell you we are about as hard
Company as there is here. That is to
handle I mean. The Colonel says we
are the best disciplined Company in
Camp. There is ten Companies in Camp
here. And they expect two more in as
soon as they can get the barracks
ready for them, that will fill the
Regt. There will be 1200 men here
and 1200 horses. It will be the largest
Regt. ever raised in the state. We
haven't got only about 50 horses here
yet but they are buying them as
fast as they can. I have just returned
from the hospital. There is four boys
in there from this Company. Sick
with the measles I think they will
go through the Regt. but thank
goodness I have had them. I suppose

You had great times yesterday and
last night shaking your feet. I should
like to been there verry well but I
tell you I was merry here. Land Hoel
and Orlando was on guard we went on
at 9 o'clock in the morning and came
off at 9 o'clock this morning. But you
had ought seen me shake my feet and
make the snow fly when I was on guard.
I was bound to have a dance any way.
There was pretty good sleighing here yesterday
but it has caught a thaw now and is
fast disappearing. We have not got our
uniform yet but we shall get in a few
days I hope. We have got our shirts
socks & Boots. There is a talk that some
of the boys are coming home New years
but I doubt it some I don't think
I shall come then but I shall come
soon after if I can. Well Ed I wish
you was here long enough to see
the bread we eat every day. We
eat bread by the cord and meat