

You may Direct as before though
 I may not be here you need
 not put an (In care of Capt Woods)
 for the Letter it is enough to
 distinguish the letter from any other
 Company I think that the letter
 will follow the Regiment, but if
 I should not get the letter I will
 write as soon as we get into another
 Camp I found as I thought I found
 the 15th Paragraph that you spoke
 of Well I guess I must dry up my
 love to you and all inquiring
 friends if there should be any.

Yours O. C. Johnson
 to
 Wm. V. Fowler

I almost forgot to tell you to tell
 Mr. that her O. D. Pick is well
 and his old head is as curly
 as ever old Tuttle sits here trying
 to write and he is so horribly that he
 draws the Candle blaze right in his
 face all of the while and he is afraid
 it will make him black but I guess that
 it wont show any on his face anyway
 Give my respects to the I guess I'll
 have to dry up now. So good night
 you must excuse poor writing
 and all mistakes to



Head Quarters

2nd REGIMENT, WIS. CAVALRY.

CAMP WASHBURN.

Milwaukee March 11th 1862

Cousin Abba

It is with a good
 deal of pleasure that I sit me down this
 afternoon to answer your kind letter which
 I received last evening and you may be
 assured that I was glad to hear from you
 and to hear that you were well and the rest
 of the folks also I am in good health and
 besides that in good spirits for I have heard
 good news today that is our Colonel has
 arrived from the South and says that we
 are going to be paid off in a few days and
 have here to go measure the coat of War He
 expect to go to St Louis or at least we
 have been ordered there and our Ex Governor
 Randall was here this forenoon and made
 us a speech I forgot to tell you that our
 Col arrived here about one o'clock P. M.

And the Governor was here yesterday.
Oh you had ought to have heard
the Regt. Chorus the Col. I tell you it
made the old Camp Ring, and our Col.
says that he is not going with his men
untill they are paid off. Bully for him.
I have no idea of ever coming back there
to town very soon not inside of 3 years
unless this Rebellion is settled and if it
is not settled then I shall stay with them
untill it is settled that is if I am allowed
to stay with them. I want to tell you that
the Treasurer of this State was here yesterday.
Too his name is Hastings. It is so plaguery
noisy here that I can hardly write or hear
myself think. So I shall have soon things that
I can think of this time fill up this sheet.
I hope that the next letter that I write
will be away from South. For it is
getting very wet and muddy here in
Camp Washburn. Oh home is a fool
to this place. Tip Luck for Dixie.
We expect to get our Equipments when
we get to St. Louis and leave also.
Are you here purchasing with me so I
cannot hardly write.

Oh what a great Plot - an " " this one.
It looks bad but never mind. I cannot write
another one just for that. Oh I would like to
have been there to went to Chilton to that
Exhibition. Well I would you know.
But I am going south pretty soon I hope
for I am tired of fighting here in this.
I do not know as I can write much more
news now but remember to give my love
to Grandmother and tell her I am coming
back to be here again or at least I hope
so tell her I am coming back ^{any way}. I am not
going down south to get shot. Kissed
Hello to our Ex. Governor gave us the name
of being the Best Regt that he had ever
seen in Wisconsin. Governor Harvey said
that he could trust us in Charleston
if necessary. I have an idea that we
shall go from here in course of one week
for our Col sent a Dispatch to the
Paymaster this Afternoon and as soon
as we are paid off we are ready to go.
Well I guess I will dry up for this
time by saying I hope to hear
from you soon.