

Head Quarters 47 Pa Vet Vols
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Dear friends,

Your letter, written on the 12th only reached me yesterday, having been seven days on the road. I looked for them some time, and Jimmy has been looking for one ever since he has joined the Regiment. You must take a little time and write to him.

We have had deep snow and very cold weather, but an improvement is visible today. The sun is shining brightly and very warm. For consequence the snow is melting rapidly. I am glad to see it go, as we have had enough of it and cold weather.

How I would like to see darling little Lizzie. I suppose she would rather stay with you than go back to Burlington. I am not surprised, either. She must not forget her uncle Shudde, for he will never forget her.

It appears Abbie is determined to get married. You are right father, their Courtship is of the sickest character. If mother can keep them straight, they will

have her hands full. I have directed
some articles to be sent her from Baltimore.
They will come by Express. I imagine her
schooling was not a very profitable in-
vestment. God bless her though I hope her
fondest anticipations may be realized, but
I am afraid she will find ~~some~~ clouds
she did not expect.

Wharton and Randa's ar-
rived tonight, and with them came Mrs
Pier. Sam got a place for her to stay in
a house near here. I saw her a few
moments this afternoon. I suppose I will
find out all the news.

You are getting frightened
about the Guerrillas are you? There is no
occasion for any alarm. I understand the
fellows pretty well and think I can manage
them. I have them pretty well cleared out
now, but I suppose when the weather opens
they will again show themselves. The orders
are too strict for them, now. They are com-
pelled to keep away from their friends for we
furnish them as well as the Guerrillas.

The day
has been warm and the snow is fast
disappearing. We had over a foot of it and
very cold weather. We are pretty comfortable

in our log houses, and defy the weather.
I have a couple of Cases of Small-pox in
Camp - brought from Allentown. They are
getting along finely though. John Hindell
is assigned to my Regiment as Spt Surgeon
I expect him here every day.

Ed Bucher came
down here last week and has been here ever
since. He talks of enlisting. If he does I will
put him in the Band. I suppose there are
plenty of fellows to enlist now. I am sorry
Gov. Curtin interfered in the Draft as I would
like to see a lot of men around here brought
out. They will get their chance though, perhaps.
I am in the best of health. Wrote to Abbie
last week. to Selinsgrove. Love to Grandmother
and all friends. Write soon

Yours Ever
L. J. Gobin