



Camp near Fort Ripley
Feb 15th / 63

Dear Father & Mother

I recd. your kind and welcome letter of the 10th last night. I just got washed up clothes changed and now seat myself on a pile of blankets on my bunk to answer it. I have waited very impatiently to hear from you and could not conceive what the reason was, ^{that} you did not write, But your excuse is quite satisfactory. I was very sorry to hear that Grandpa was sick, But hope he will get well. I am very much obliged to you for those pens and postage stamps for I hadnt a pen good for anything & I had spent my last ten cts. for stamps and the last stamp

I had sent on a letter in answer
 to one from Ward Sherman
 & Wife. It is a rainy disagreeable
 day here to day. Father do you
 keep the three colts yet that you
 had when I left if you do
 I would ^{like} to be there & hitch up
 Mac and take a sleigh ride. As
 I suppose you have broke him
 by this time to drive single.
 I have not rec^d but two or three
 papers in a month. I dont see
 why the reason is I dont get them
 they are not brought from
 Washington by the mail boy
 if they were I would get them
 So it would be but little
 use to enquire for them
 Capt Wheelock from Co. I. and
 Lieut Spatmore ^{Co. I.} have gone
 home on a furlough. Capt
 Wheelock has gone to arrest
 deserters. Dr Millington was

mistaken when he said he
used to doctor Mother; It was
Aunt Ester. He thought she was
my Mother. But I told him
different he said then that
he knew Father by sight he (F.)
had shod his horse for him
Father how do prosper in
posting your books, have you
got them posted yet? if you
have not send them down and
I will post them and maybe
I will come home. Two fellows
have sent their furloughs to
from Co. G. to Washington to
be signed for ten days, one
is John Ernst. The report is
that ^{they} you can go & back for
about 17 dollars. Do not report
this as he dont want it
known that he is coming
home. Capt Proys is at
home on a furlough too.

I havnt much more news
to write, My health continues
good yet cold so do the boys in
the tent, All send their best
respects, I send a letter with
this that Adela can put in
my desk with my other
things No more at presents
Give my love to all enjoying
friends and save a good
share for yourselves

Write soon as convenient
From your son

G W Pearl

to

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