



W. S. Hammond Hospital
 May 24th / 64

Dear Father & Mother.

I rec^d
 Fathers letter of the 22nd this morning
 I tell you I was right glad to
 get it too. The money was also
 very acceptable. My health is
 much better I am still at work
 in the dining room where I
 can get victuals and cook as I
 please. We set tables for about
 600 patients and 20 rec^d prisoners
 that have been wounded and are
 in the hospital. There are
 eleven ^{besides me} that work in the dining
 room two that wash the dishes
 two to scour the knives and forks
 besides eight or ten that work
 in the kitchen. Those in with

we have to clear off and set
 the tables wipe the plates bowls
 knives and forks. I have to be
 here by five in the morning
 work until half past seven
 again at eleven work until
 half past one again at half
 past four until half past
 six. Mornings we generally
 have ^{bread coffee} hash. For dinner and
 supper have changes of diet
 sometimes for dinner we have
 boiled pork potatoes bread & bean
 soup sometimes fresh beef potatoes
 boiled bread & beef soup & bread
 pudding. For supper we have
 a change sometimes bread & molasses
 or else mush & molasses or bread
 & butter or bread & applesauce
 or else bread & cheese. For supper
 & breakfast we always have coffee but not
 for dinner. I suppose I have
 a chance to spend the remainder

of my term of service here
if I have a mind too. As
I was detailed here by Mr Steger
the M D S Medical Director of
this post. Here I can always
have plenty to eat and always
know where I am going to
sleep when night comes, as I
have a good bed and a good house
to sleep in. Besides having good
medical attendance if sick.

There are four from our Regt here
wounded three from Co F, one
from Co G. Father what do you
think of my staying here!

To be sure I loose the chance of
promotion. As I understood Capt
Clark was going to ~~make~~ promote
me as ~~first~~ permanent
corporal. But what are stripes
to plenty to eat and drink and
always know where you are
going to sleep when night comes

and more sure of getting out of
 the service with a whole body, if
 any I like the idea very well.
 Please give me your opinion
 in your next. Please don't say
 much about to the public as
 I may not stay after all. When
 you write let me know whether
 you got the bore I expressed from
 Elmira or not and whether you
 have got my overcoat and jacket
 or not. My letter came near
 being sent to the Regt if one
 of the boys from our ward had
 not been at the office and heard
 it called it would have gone today.
 Therefore add to the directions
 Ward 12 then I will be sure to
 get it no more at present.
 My love to all. Write soon.

From your affect. Son

Geo W Pearl

To G A & M B Pearl