



Camp, Alexander, Oct. 7th 62

Dear Father and Mother

I
have just rec^d your kind letter
it does a soldiers boy good to get
a letter from home or from his
native Town. I get along very well
I do part of my own cooking I
fry some pork and toast some
bread buy some sweet potatoes
and roast them, I am in the
same tent and with the same boys
I guess you would think we looked
like a nest of pigs for straw we
have ~~get~~ boughs we have a
bunk in here and take turns in
sleeping on it. It was an old sand
sive and we put on some legs
and makes a very good bed, I would
would like to be there and have
a part of that loaf of indian

bread and butter. I would like
very well to be there to the fair
this week but I think I have got
into a fair that will last more
than a week. ^{low} Does John like
soldiering has he got the position
of bugler. As to the prayers meeting
they are very good ones. As to money
matters I shall be a economical
as I can if I can eat my rations
very well the bread is not
sour and we have plenty of it
and you know I never would
eat sour bread and bread and
milk ^{pretty much} is all I have eaten for the
last two weeks. I have had the
summer complaint pretty bad
and the Doctor says eat as
little as I can. it costs me ten
cts a day for milk. Father what
do you think of the President's
proclamation we think here
it will have a tendency to close

the was by the first of January
though we cant tell what may
happen between this and that time
The Major offered to bet a thousand
Dollars that we would be discharged
by that time but no one would
take him at that but a fellow
offered to bet ten which he took up
There is a report in camp that
the Rebels have asked for an
armistice of thirty day which was
granted but I have seen nothing
of it in the Washington papers
so I dont know whether it is true
or not. And that Gen Davis
has threatened to raise the black
flag and we dont know whether
that is true or not. Further I didnt
know but you could some money of
Mr Good fellow as you said you let
him have the money and if when he
pays you any interest I want you
to use it ~~as~~ if you need it. And

when I send my monthly pay.

I want you to rise that too
I recd the money all safe.

Last Sunday ^{night} ~~we~~ the Colonel had
orders for us to start for Minnesota
to fight the Indians but were
countermanded so we are to stay here
a spell yet maybe all winter.

Last night the Colonel had
presented to him by the Reg
a very nice horse saddle bridle
and a brace of Navy pistols they
were presented to him by the
Chaplin he made a speech
after which the Col made a speech
he commended the discipline of
the Reg as being very good and a
Reg or company that had any
discipline he could drill. he spoke
of our not have very pleasant
work such as chopping and digging
ditches he said he wasn't much of
a hand at making long speeches
and would not ^{ended by} make that as
an exception. ~~Thanking~~ the
Officers and men for the present
dismissed the parade. A boy in
Co I died this morning of the
Typhoid fever his name was George.



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