

Stead's quarters
Barracks No. 13 Clinira Aug 16th 1863

Dear Father & Mother

I have not written

before because I have learned
nothing definite about my
coming nor have I yet.

But think I will try and get
leave of absence of week or ten
days sometime this week.

Daily & I have under our
charge now twenty conscripts
which we have to detail for
guard write passes for &c.

It is rather lonesome to stay
in the Barracks we had rather
be in camp with the Regt,
because we dont like the
idea of being so near home
and cant get there and if
we are with the Regt we
know we cant get home.

There is a first Lieutenant here
 that went out as Orderly sergeant
 of John G. Lee, He said
 they did not know when he
 left, where Dick Pillow was
 He said Dick never had ~~a~~
 furlough or leave of absence
 to come home, that, after
 the battle of Gettysburg
 Dick was left in charge
 of the Hospital there and
 had skedaddled ~~for~~ ^{and come home} ~~there~~
 The Lieutenant said all the Clinton
 boys were well when he left
 The weather has been very hot
 for two days past, I never
 knew it warmer while I was
 down South. Lieutenant Barthol
 says we are likely to stay
 here two or three months
 There are no detachments
 sent from the Army of the

Gulef and he says that the
 Regts have got to be filled
 up first and that, ^{detached} Officers
 and men have got to take
 conscripts down there to fill
 them up. And that we are
 as likely to be detailed for
 that business as any others
 and may have to travel
 over the road half a dozen
 times before we return to our
 Regt. Which will be business
 so we will like first rate
 and I hope we will be detailed.
 Father I wish you would send
 to me by express a satchel
 with my linen coat fine boots
 shirt and stockings a fine
 shirt three or four, ^{knives & best} collars
 And Mother I would like to
 have you cut off about half
 the binding on that woolen

shirt and sew a button on
the back of it so that I
can button a collar on
No more at present
Give my love to all
and write when you send
the carpet bag and please
send it as soon as you can

From your Son
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