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Wm S Hospital Point Lark
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Dear Parents.

I rec^d yours
of the 2^d this morning &
was glad to learn that
all were still in ~~usual~~ usual health.
As for my health it is also
very good. I rec^d the Copy Book
the 2^d and am very much obliged
to you for it. I have written
in it some but not enough
to get my hand in. It is
rather difficult for me too,
as I have been out of practice
so long. I have just finished
my penmanship work. Just 12 o'clock
This forenoon we had to cook
tomatoes boiled pork & beans for
dinner and mush for breakfast
tomorrow morning. I am rather
hard up for news of importance

to write. The weather as usual
is warm and pleasant. Ten
or fifteen of the last 3000 that
came here have died. Those I
spoke of in Addie's last letter
Where are Mr Quaton & Oscar
Dayton, I promised to write
to them when they were home
last fall but have neglected
to do so therefore I know
nothing of their whereabouts.
Has Geo Mannering & Charley
Sumner got mustered out
of the U S service yet? if
they havent I should think
they soon would be as they
did not reenlist. My Descrip-
tive list has come and I
expect to draw some clothes
next Saturday. I have not
drawn a stitch of Uncle Sams
clothing in fourteen months.
therefore I had ought to have
at least \$50.00 coming to me

on my clothing account.
 But it is good and I shall
 get it if I live to get mustered
 out if I don't before. By the
 way how do you think (providing
 I should stay here until my
 time is out) it would sound
 to have it said that I had
 been three years in the Army,
 and had never been in a
 battle, and only eleven months
 with the Regt. I'm afraid if
 I should happen to be in
 company with one of the boys
 of my Regt, that had endured
 all the hardships with the Regt
 and should throw that in my
 face, I should want to do as
 a hen does when she is in
 danger, (hide my head) But no
 matter, somebody has got to do
 the work that I do and no cripple
 or sick man can do it, for
 there is a good deal of heavy

lifting to do such as lifting
boilers of water and soup pots
~~that hold~~ and on to a range
that is three feet high, and the
boilers hold from one to two
barrels each. Besides a great deal
of other work that none but a
well man can do. And I dont
see why that man can as well
be me as anybody else. You say
you hope Old Abe will be
reelected, Well. I dont. Not that
I have any thing in particular
against Old Abe, but I think
a change of Presidents would
be beneficial. And I would like
to have you prove to me in
what respect Mr. Clellan acted
the part of a traitor. The
majority of the last squad that
came here Staunton so little Mac
and most of them are from the
Army of the Potomac. I recollect
there was a report at the time
he was superseded that he was
never at the front during a battle.
But that is contradicted by every
soldier that I have heard say any-
thing about it, that was with
him in the Peninsular Camp-
aign. That he was always on hand