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Camp Chase Friday 17th

Dear Sister

I suppose you are almost mad because I don't write but I think you will excuse me when I have told you the many reasons why I have not written before in the first place I have a little woman at home that wants my services with the pen as often as 3 times a week and another thing is if Corin was a Sat here to write to you I think I should have written to you before this little time thing but the public I am going to have in writing

week I caught a severe cold
 and it seem to settle in my
 side but I am quite well to
 day all but my side and I think
 that will be all right in a
 few days there is one thing
 if I don't get well they
 will have to send me home
 I suppose that you have been
 made acquainted with the fact
 that I hold the honorable
 situation as cook and it is
 no small job I can tell you
 to cook for a family six men
 I don't think any thing of
 a week's worth of salt beef or one
 of dry Beans or making
 full of tea
 up 30 loaves
 are much better
 in a New Haven
 we have more of
 a New bread every day

and we have got over fifty
Dollars credited to us within
the last month so you see
by that we have enough of such
as it is there has been a great
deal of sickness in our Regiment
since we left home but we
have lost only two men yet
one died in Washington with the
typhoid fever the other died
in camp Wednesday night he
had a rupture and bled to
Death the Boys that have
been sick are now getting better
some have got well I enjoy
Camp I'll say better than
I expected when I first enlisted
and I think all the Boys do
I think our Regiment has
been much forward ever since
we came here and I have faith
to believe that we shall
yet get to be provost guard

in Washington City,
 Jerome wants I should say
 that he has received two
 letters from Mother or you
 I don't know which with postage
 & stamps in them, we have
 heard of the deaths of
 the Guilford Boys that
 went in the 14th. Poor fellows
 they little thought when they
 left home that they should
 be called to die so soon on
 the Battle Field Peace be to
 their souls and God have mercy
 on their friends at home

I think of nothing more to
 write about this time forgive
 me for not writing before
 Give my love to all
 Write soon

From your
 Brother Old Joe