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Dear Mother

I have just finished reading your good long letter of Jan 3rd & 4th and was glad to learn that you were all in usual health with the exception of H & Kate but trust that in your next to hear of his being out skating and able to attend to his School (You cannot imagine how much good your letter me to day; Some how I felt that I should get one and it came in just the right time, although I received yours & Kate's of Dec 28th but a short time since I have answered it I was then just getting over my cold which was the worst I ever had I am entirely over that now but

the same old trouble of the
liver had taken hold and I have been
feeling clear down sick for the past
five days and did not sit up at
all during yesterday & day before I feel
very weak to day but otherwise am feeling
better I have been taking Castor oil
which they kept dosing me with untill
I think I must of taken nearly half of a
pint before it commensed to operate
I am now taking quinine and
think I shal be better of this in
a day or two at least you need
wry for I shal write all I after
There are several cases of measles in
camp at the present time I am
not sure whether I have had them or
not But remember of staying out of
School long enough to have them as
much as once The first case noticed
in camp was friday last but it is
hoped by all that it will not prevail

as it has in other Regts. Nearly all in our Co I, have had them and they can muster the largest number of any Co in the Regt at the present time 68 present, 85 P, & absent. The whole Regt. has been down to the River on picket since yesterday morning it is now N^o and they have just arrived, and think they must of had a hard time of it as it rained all day and nearly all night but it has not been very cold, and it is quite pleasant to day and in fact we have had very pleasant weather for a long time.

I am ever so glad you have sent the Box and think I shall get it in a few days. There was a load came from the Depot last night. Sergt Perry of our Co got a large one being about three feet square. He had any amount of eatables such as Chicken pie, Pot Turkey bread & pies with butter.

Sugar jellies &c &c I am a little disap-
pointed to find that you have
not sent more cooked for as sure
you I am longing after something for
Father's own party. However if I can get
the ingredients (with receipt which I rec'd
to day) I shall have some good meals re-
freshing. But this does not matter so
clothing which I am in great need of
and the shirts will receive a party me-
morandum. Patriotism is good yet although
matters as they appear look dark. But there
are many dark hours in all wars.
I always stood up for McClellan and do at
the present time yet I would not at
present have an exchange made on any
account. I have stood beside them both
and have many times seen them pass
and when you see the mad and contumacious
of Burnside one cannot help but admire
him. There are defeats in all wars and
great reverses. Still as you say I am sick
and tired of this quarrel this fighting
and this wholesale slaughter of the most
useful class of men in our Country.
I must close now but will write again
soon and hope to hear from you again.
Tell Carrie I would be pleased to
receive a few lines from her.
Tell S. to be sure and be careful of his
health do not try to do too much.
Tell Hen to get well soon and shake
a good lot for me. Please remember
me to all with love to all at
Home.

Your affectionate son

Chas. W. W.