

Camp Russell Ia
7 O Clock P.M. Nov the 29. 64

Dear Mother

I Now take my pen in hand
to write a few lines to let
you know that i am well
and hope these few lines
Will find you the same
I will tell you the reason
that I have not wrote Before
one Reason is, i have been
Very Busy to work Preparing
for winter I have got me
up a good house and a nice
Fire place & a well that is
not the worst trouble the
Stamps has played out
So that is the ~~difficulty~~
is what is the matter
with the horse you me havnt
got no mail since the 20th

This month but i
think we will get mail
in the course of a day or
two but if i dont get a letter
with some stamps in i cant
send it out I dont know
and we will ever get paid
off again But i am am
in hopes of getting it before
long and I hope we will
stay here during the winter
for we have got up very good
quarters and therefore i
hope we will stay well
I will tell you what i have
been up to to day i have washed
& got my case dried and put
up in my knapsack and
mashed a little on my house
& done my other duty and
as i expect the mail in
i thought I would start
A letter I never was in

Saw the go
Well the mail has
come in but I did
not get ^{no} ^{letter} none from home
but I got one from
John he was well
Theodore was ever hear
to see me a week ago Sunday
he was well Saw the mail
is going out in a few
minets so I must hurrah
up my cakes I rate about
some gloves but if you
hant sent them your ~~well~~
Nedent for one of our boys
came from home and he
brought some gloves
with him so I have got
A Pair but you may send
the socks and if G H Hodges
can bring me a Pair of
boots I would ~~like~~ like
it verry much

All The Samming
Well I will close
as far as Right By
Bidding you good
Night Sert Hill

Dec the 1st 1864

Dear mother I guess I
will try to finish this
The mail has come in
and I get word you
must excuse me for not
writing before for I have
been out of stamps and
the boys is all out of
of stamps but there is
a man tently with me
that has ^{just} come from home
so I can't ^{get} a stamp as to
so I will close and write to Pat
So good Night Write soon
Sert Hill

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