

Washington Dec 10th 61

Nothing special happend to day
we discharged camp duties as usual
Dec 12th I was on centry duty to day
and night I caught two of the centry
imals asleep and waked them up
and and and cautioned them to
tend to their bis of I would report
them and not risk my off of my
post to wake them up

Dec 13th I wrote a letter this fore noon
and drilled this after noon there
I was a large balloon passed over
our camp yesterday It was quite
a sight Dec 14th we drilled as
usual to day and I went on deep
parade at night and after that was
over I read two or three chapter in
my bible andnd went out to roll
call at half past eight and then
went to bed with my commands
viz orderly sergeant John Ellis & W. C. Ellis

Amount of the safe = 2000
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no four occupy one tent Dec 15th
To day is the sabbath I hear bad
news this pleasant mornning one
of our comrades has passed over
the river of death during the night
he was at the city hospital and
was discharged from there to go
to his camp he came in last night
^{on foot} and went to our hospital and died
during the night I have jus been
to see the corpse I was the relax of
the measles that ailed him Brother
Sleaver preached to us to day his
text was the first verse of the
lords prayrs Our Father, his sermon
affected the worst of the soldiers
very much last night after reading
a chapter or two in my bible we had a
sort of bible class in our tent after
that was over I took a stroll around
camp the moon and stars seemed
just as they used to at home but

please write soon
I wish I had a long home
that we have to stay in camp

The landscape was very much different
nothing but stek pine trees and tents to
be seen Dec 16 I have been strutting
around camp with a new carbine hung
to my back I was put on guard to
day but taking advantage of a good
chance I got clear of the duty

Dec 16th 1861

Dear Brother

I received your and
Cunice and Loviat letters Sunday eve
it is not necessary to tell you how
glad I was to receive some good news
from home I wish I had known that
Mr Williams came to Washington I would
like to have seen him Will you tell me
what regiment Edwin belongs to and
name of captain I have seen Joseph
Stafford and Fletche Baxter they
are down to fort Washington tell Cunice
that I paid Harriet Heart a visit
the other evening her husband is sick

I will write to James and Gena next
give my love to father and mother
and thank George for me

with the measles I got a letter
from Sister Daphne last Saturday
she said that they were all well
she said that they had a cow and
cat but no baby Gena wrote that
albo went after my clothes but they
were not there I put them into a box
with the other boys satchels and sent
the box to Mr Dow the merchant in
Randolph I had two satchels made to
gather and directed to C D Churchill
Senedy and I put into the box a
oil cloth cape ~~of~~ rolled with a string
tied round it and a paper under the string
requesting Mr Dow to put them into my
satchels and forward them to Keeney
there was in the roll a gun lock that
I ~~had~~ picked up in the guard house
in Albany the gun it come off of was
all stove to pieces the lock is a good one
I they are not to send you will have
to go to Randolph after them I do not
want to lose them
Yours and haste
C D Churchill