

Camp Fenton Feb 10th 62  
Dear father

It has been a long  
time since I have heard from you  
I have written three letters from home that  
I have not heard from Albus letter  
is the only one that I have got  
from home since I got my pay and  
I feel a little uneasy about it for I  
sent some money to Charlie and I  
think I ought to have heard from it  
two weeks ago I sent it to Mr Dow  
at East Randolph it was sent with  
the rest of the company it was in  
an envelope and directed to Charlie  
there was thirty seven dollars and  
one half the seven dollars and half  
was gold the other boys heard from  
theirs in five days after they sent  
it if you have not got it I should  
be glad to have you go and get it

and write to me immediately after  
the reason why I write this is that  
I did not know but you might not  
<sup>have</sup> got my letters if you have you should  
have written to me and let me know it

We have received glorious  
news to day that is the capture of  
fort Donelson and 15 thousand prisoners  
you have probably heard of it ere this.  
Joseph Conant was in our camp I  
was quite surprised to see him here in  
day the boys are so elated on account  
of the news that they are firing their  
revolvers and Barbies artillery is firing  
and other big guns at the forts the bands  
are playing in all directions the I can  
hear the boys cheering from many  
regiments it is half past seven P.M.  
the regiments of infantry are paraded  
and firing their pieces. if I can get  
the countersign I will go over to their

comps and see their fun

Mr. Quite

Watterman came to  
our camp yesterday he knew me but  
I did not know him we had a top  
top visit he stayed <sup>or</sup> took dinner with  
us he is an orderly sergeant <sup>of</sup> one of  
the Pa regiments of infantry they have  
orders to march to Alexandria to day they  
have had rather a wet day for it

I am getting pretty expert in  
the use of my right hand I think  
that I keep up with my comrades in the  
use of the sabre we have the name of being  
the best drilled regiment in the brigade.  
I got a letter from Uncle Silas last  
week I have not time to write much  
more give my respects to mother I think  
that she is one of the best of women you  
may kiss little Giggi for me I often think  
of her tell Albo to take care of my  
things until I come home I am well

and hasty as a buck I weigh  
two hundred and twenty seven pounds  
I never felt any better in my life  
when you write please let me know  
whether Charlie is at home or not  
if he is not give me his post office adresp  
I will write to Nathan soon tell  
Cummer to write and let me know how  
she enjoys the Union give my best respects  
to all and believe me to be your  
affectionate and dutiful son

Cummer  
son