

Camp Stevenson
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My Dear Sister

As I have not reported for duty yet & have nothing to do today I will employ my time writing home.

I got to Stanton Friday morning about 4 in the morning, staid all day then started about 4 in the evening with fifteen passengers for Mount Jackson, where we got on the cars & went to Strasburg, from there we went to Winchester in a hack having 16 passengers on, I had to stand up for about a mile, was wet to the skin when I got there, dried myself by the fire & started to the Camp, where I found all the boys well & dirty. I got there just in time, for the company was paid off for two months, about an hour after I got there so I am rich & can have my pepper bottle filled with rye, the boys are very much pleased at the contents of my box, especially the turkey which we fixed off for

dinner & left navy home, the pepper
also was very acceptable & from the way
they are using it, I think my flask
will soon be ready to fill up with
medicinal whiskey. Our mess was
fortunate as we got another box the same
day for Navy Arnold which Jake brought
down.

It is as cold as charity
in a big city, snow on all the hills around
here and looks like it would come
down here soon, we are prepared for
it though, all the tents have fire places
in them & are as warm as a room, when
I first went into them I was standing
around shaking hands & sticking my leg
into the fire place & before my pants all
to pieces, the boys thought I ought to be
put on double guard duty for it &
I suppose you agree with them.

I got some white pudding to day
which went first rate, I wish you all
would send me some in my Christ

was boy & I don't want you to forget
that boy either. The view is one
of the greatest things out of jail, all
the boys are going to send home for the
mine was the first that came to see
another came soon after I got there,
I'll station to come on

& being that comfort without jail as
Bax says it is not at all comfortable
to do without it. Every thing is dry
here (except the ground) as I have
news.

I will write again
soon
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Good bye