

Camp Stevenson  
Dec. 1st. '61

My dear Sister:

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

I got to Staunton Friday morning about 4 A.M., staid all day there started about four in the evening with fifteen passengers for Mount Jackson, where we got on the cars and went to Strasburg, from there we went to Winchester in a truck having sixteen passengers, I had to stand up for about a mile, was wet to skin when I got there, dried myself by the fire and started to the camp, where I found all the boys well and 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, so I can have my pepper box filled with rye. The boys are very much pleased with the contents of my box, especially the turkey which we fixed off for

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dinner and left nary bone, the pepper also was very acceptable and from the way they are using it I think my flask will soon be ready to fill up with medicinal whisky. Our mess was fortunate as we got another box the same day for Harry 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 and are as warm as a room. When I first went in them I was standing round shaking hands and stuck my leg into the fire place and burnt my pants all to pieces, the boys thought I should be put on double guard duty for it and 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

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mas box and I dont want you to forget that box either. The visor is one of the greatest thing out of jail, all the boys are going to send home for them, mine was the first to come to camp, another came soon after I got these. Tell Watson to come on and bring that comfort without fail as Bax. says it is not at all comfortable to do without it. Everything is dry here except the ground so I have no news. I will write again soon.

Good bye, Ted.