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Dear Mother

It was impossible for me to write my usual Sunday letter yesterday for I was busy all day issuing clothing to the regiment & it has taken nearly all day to get matters straightened up. As usual there is no news to write & as I do not feel much like making a romance to day I think my letter will be rather short. We are getting our mail now every day but I do not see that I get any more letters than I did when we got the mail only once in two Weeks. I sometimes wish that I had some more correspondents but when I come to answer them I would rather let someboddy else have them to attend to. Colonel Per Lee has got back & things do not go along as pleasantly as they did before he got here but I guess we can get along after a fashion. We have just decided to take that tub of butter if you see fit to send it on, & the boots that Mr. Gaskill is making for me. Also another comforter if you can spare one & Foote wants some things sent too so that they can all be sent in one box together. The snow fell here last Saturday night about Six or Eight inches deep & since then it has been very cold, but we manage to get along quite comfortably, if I only had another comforter I think I should be perfectly happy. When you send the box & tub of butter direct them to Lt Adrian Foote, Head Qrs 1st Div 19th A Corps Harpers Ferry Va & send a letter of advice at the same time. I think that we can get them within a week after they are sent. It would not do any harm to send a few mince pies if you have them made. If you see any of Lew Browns people, you might let them put in a few things for Charley. Perhaps you may think that I am selfish by not writing more about general affairs & so much about my own wants but the fact is this - a person in the army has got to look out for himself "personally" or he will be left out in the cold.

Please remember me kindly to all of the good people in New Berlin. Hoping to get a letter tonight. I remain

Your Affectionate Son
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