

Washington March 15th 1862

Dear Mother

I have at last found time to write to you again we have had pleasant weather for the last two weeks have wished for rainy days as much as we did for pleasant ones four weeks ago. It has been raining all day to day and it seems real good to rest ones weary bones. There has been a great deal of confusion all around us by troops moveing for the last ten days, but everything is just as quiet as usual in our camp and is likely to be some time yet. There is a report however that we are to get our rifles next week and start off which I hope will be the case for I have got tired of staying here. Our company has formed a base ball club and when we do not drill we are playing ball which gives us good apetites for our pork and beef we have not had any fresh beef lateley and salt meat is getting to be same as hash used to be with me. I think if I had a chance at a good big dish of hash now I could spoil the looks of it pretty quick. If you paid an equal share on the box that my butter came in it was not right. The whole thing weighed 160 lbs. Mr Harrington wrote to Henry that we were to share equally in the contents, but Henry and myself did not get a thing so if you have not paid it you had not better pay for more than 9 or 10 lbs. I received a letter from Miss Hancox and a very good one too better than I should expect from her she got along with a verry little scandal. I will send it if you will burn it up as soon as you have read it do not let any boddy see it. I think I shall answer it some day when I get time. I saw a description of myself in the Pioneer by Lunt Conkey. I think he is verry complimentary in the terms that he uses in describing me. The army will not be paid untill April and like enough not till May so you see I can not send any more soap home untill I get it I can not get any photograph taken without having half a dozen at a time and I do not feel able just now I do not know what to write to fill up this sheet and guess I shall have to stop

Your Aff Son  
CJH