HeadQrs. 13th o.v.c.
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Dear pet,

If your letters dont come soon I shall write Gov Dennisons P.M. Gen. a lecture on the subject giving him to understand that he will incur my rath (sic) if his department is not better conducted in the future. This is a beautiful morning as warm as a spring morning in ohio. (sic) I do not think we will have as good a chance to sleigh ride this winter as we had last in Kentucky. I have not seen a particle of show here yet this winter.

The winter so far has been quite mild and if the latter part is no worse than what is past we will get along finely. I wish we were in ohio this winter we would have some fine rides. (sic) The tent is full of officers and writing is an uphill business but it only (sic) one of the trials I have to contend with in carrying on my correspondence with you. But then when I write every day as I have for a few days past, I will certainly think of everything of interest. If Mag gets more letters

than you do let me know and I will employ two clerks to write letters for me and I will mail them to you. I keep the Lieut. pretty busy now so that he has not as much time to write as formerly. The only reason I have for writing every day that I feel better while writing to you than at any other time, it is the next thing to talking to you. I never was as homesick in my life, as I have been since my return. If I had stayed a few days longer you would have entirely ruined me for a soldier; as it is I do not know as I shall recover entirely if I do not (sic) I will have to resign giveing (sic) as a reason that I have an affection of the heart which troubles me to such an extent as to ~~unfit~~ fit me for the service. I think you might cure me if you could have me under your special care for a short time. Dont you think you could. Write me all the news especially about yourself. I am alwase (sic) anxious to know how you and pussy are. Wouldnt you box my ears if you could get at them my sweet little pet.

Give my love to all at home and keep lots for yourself.

Your loving husband
Steve