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Dear Brother

I received yours of the 7th on the 17th and was glad to hear from you. The weather has been colder for the last week than at any time this winter. Hanson Smith left for his Reg Friday Morn he said he had a good time in Meadville he Taped you on the street several times and at last he spoke to you and you ^{asked} him if he knew me so by that it seems that you did not know him. I cant see the reason why it takes so long for your letter's to get here it was mailed in Mead^{vile} on the 15th they

must lay a long time
in the Office the Paper and
letter come at the same time
The Union Light Guards
or Black Horse, Cavalry, has
has Played out they were
taken away from here Friday
they are to Patrole the streets
nights till The President wants
an escort they were of no
use here, bully for Ned Smith
I like to hear of an increase
in a family but you are
the other way for you want
to sell Mother's Basting milk
you must not do that for
four pints of milk is 2 quarts
these times we were Paid \$26.00
Yesterday so I think I can send
you the boards by Pelograph
I would see the Folks of Meadville
be damned before I would go for
\$14.05 when I could get 400 in Erie

I would work for the one that
Paid the most, that is my slice
This has turned out to be a nice
day Feb 23 I will finish this
letter now I put it off Sunday
Sunday Night I went to Church
I have been 3 times since I have
been out, twice at the Wesley Chapel
and once at the Foundry Church
and I have read the New Testament
through, what do you think
of that The President has got a
new driver he commenced yesterday
I had a long talk with him last
Night for four or five minutes he
thought we had a big thing here
he thought it was a big thing to
be the Presidents Guard that is what
all the folks say Especially them
from Pennsylvania There is four
Company's of Condenn Yankees
Just a few rods west of us they
have Barrack's to live in they

are put through a regular
 course of sprouts I had rather
 be out in the field than be
 horsed about like they are
 but it is all in a life time. Philip
 gets along bully with the Team
 did you ever hear that John Hannah
 was Dead I heard so but I don't
 or rather hope it is not a fact
 you ask some one that would be
 likely to know for I would like to know
 oh but this is a nice day we will have
 a game of Ball before long who
 wouldn't be a soldier last month
 we dug a Brick side walk out of one foot
 the ground it had been under ground
 for the last 10 yrs, you see we are six
 feet higher than the road with a
 good stone wall all along the side walk
 close to the wall we cleaned it off
 for a hundred yds we had two carts
 the driver along for four days or more
 coming to a close I must stop I suppose
 Write soon from your Brother
 W. A. Butler

