

of me from seeing my brother and see from the
I send some for
Stamps out
Washington
Bill Elmer tried hard to come home
to get a Pass or Furlough
But he could not
Dear Brother
his mother wanted
to see him before they
died but he could
get no furlough
I received your letter on 5th
do not sell any more corn on Port till you can
and was glad to hear that you
were all well the I drafted mess
arrived in Washington on Wednesday
I was on guard at the time and
could not get off I come off of
Guard at 4 o'clock, had to eat
Supper and by that time it
was most to late and the captain
would give a pass for only two
hours and it was two miles
from our camp. I thought if they
would stay till next day I would go
and see them some way they were
them at the station where we stoped. The
same night they were marched to the river
to go to Fortres. Monroe but they stayed
over night in the morning I got a Pass for 2
and one and a half Philip went down to see them
we went down by the long Bridge it was near a mile
to where the men was all along the landing or wharf
the Beavers were thick I see more than than

than I have since I have been here for 12 or 13 miles there
 was a string of Steam Boats and scowlers that Boys were there
 ready to go I seen J. Pitty and Ed. Pitty, but I don't know
 many more that I knew some of the took it hard there
 a Dutchman he said I want to go home his no man
 any more as he went a round crying and snorting
 some did not care anything about it but they all said
 they did not like to go and have so many of 'em. Richard
 stayed 4 hours when I thought I had better go back
 Bill Young was there he said stay a while longer so I did
 some of Souths Cavalry come to Guard the men they
 stationed the Guard and would not let any one of
 the Drafted men out nor any body else they kept coming
 closer at last they commenced to drive the men in
 the Steam Boat they rode up saying go on go on with
 you they went on driving them along like they were hay
 they drove them nearly across the Bridge which is 30 or 40
 feet wide and near a hundred feet long when the
 turned and some caught the horses by the heads
 and nearly Backed them off of the Bridge the
 Cavalry turned and run off the Bridge but back
 they come again waving their swords over their
 heads the captains of the Drafted men said they
 could their own men and they put on a Guard
 of their men and the Cavalry went away up town
 the same day the men went down the river
 dan Steffen was with us Boys all day Sunday
 eat dinner and supper with us he has got to
 go back to Baltimore to take the Steamboat for it
 I have seen Ed. Pitty and J. Pitty and Dan
 Steffen a Fairbank dan thinks he will go to Day he likes
 soldiering first Bully, how much did you
 pay a pound for that Butter and Cheese
 how many Pound of each was there you must send
 me some more money for we do not know when
 we will get our pay there was a soldier King in the
 Capitol Yard for killing the first Lieutenant he
 run the Bayonet through him I must come to
 a close by Biding you good day write soon
 Saturday night was the coldest night there has
 been here for 4 years there is snow on the ground
 from your Brother W. R. Pittier

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