

Soldiers Home. DC sept 1st/63.

Dear Brother.

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. I am well at Present and hope these few lines will find all the Family enjoying the same great Blessing the weather is Pleasant but the Nights very cold. I seen a few lines in a Meadville Paper about the two Com.. that went to Columbus with Morgan. how they got there at 12 o'clock at night and had to sleep in the State House Yard with nothing on them But their Blankets, as though they were better than other Soldiers they layed out with nothing but two Blankets over them in the cold month of July with only 2 Blankets.

and they only Malitia and we
the Presidents Guards layed
out last fall with only our² Bl
over us and in the morning was
covered with frost I had to ^{hang} ^{up}
when I read it. I went all last
winter with out any thing on my
neck once in a while I would pull
the cape of my my coat around
and come out all right in the Sp
there is 1800 mules, not far from here
that keeps muling all night and
make a devilish noise they are
N. S. last night two of the old Sol
at the home had a big fight one was
stone Blind and both big fat stout
men the blind man licked bully
for him it is dinner time and I must
make a stop. Just done we had
Noodle Soup for dinner. Yesterday
we were Mustered for two months
Pay every muster we have to come
out with Knapsacks on and be
inspected. Bill Boggs is going to

shoulder a gun so they say, so
 then we will have one more
 Private we Drill every ~~other~~
~~other~~ Day at Guard Mount in load-
 ing and firing with out any
 Powder in the morning when
 we go to shoot off our guns
 we Practice marching by hand
 right and left & by right in to
 line and fire by ranks or file
 twelve in. Rank & two ranks
 rear rank fires first & comes to
 a shoulder. when the front rank ^{fires}
 how many Soldiers are there in
 Meadville to Guard D.V. I.
 heard there was a com or 3 how
 does the drafted men act
 by this time are the Copperheads
 doing anything in the shape
 of Resisting the draft Judge
 Pettis was here Saturday night
 and had a dance he said if
 that was all the work a Soldier
 had to do he thought he could

stand it. a. yes well George
how does that dog of yours
get a long w^{el} do as he will
write soon from Bold.
port Wagoner still holds out

Soldier boy Willard
A. Cutter