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Camp at Soldiers Home

Dear Brother

I received your letter yesterday and I was glad to hear from you. The weather is fine here but looks a little like a storm of some kind all the boys are well and we have very good times we are not on duty as often as we were some 5 weeks ago we are skipping so we have two days in the week that we are not on we got ten Thousand Blank Cartridges and we have had a skirmish every day this week and will have till they are gone Bill Clover left here for home Monday on a ten day Furlough the time will not seem long. any Body cant more than

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get Home and turn round before it is time for him to start back you seem to have Copperheads around you I would like to have some of them here for a mark to shoot at I think some of them will come up standing before long when the next draft comes off which will in January if there are not 300.000 volenteers Raised by the first of Jan. the drafting will commence I never told you that Jim Hannah was here he come for to see his son but could not get a pass to go he was here 3 days or more he looked kind of natural Your Potatoes turned out well you will have some for sale. is Bill Taylor in with you this year I think

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it about time you were looking up that cow or she will be spoiled I seen one down on 7th street that looked as near like her as two peas but she was a little smaller. that was more than a month ago so I guess it wasnot her You can tell Mr Todd the last I heard of Hanson he was well and come out of the Gettysburg fight all right

nothing more that I know only there was a big fire Monday Morning and Burned up 30 horses and all the Gouernment hay worth a hundred or two thousand dollars

I will close so write soon

from Your Brother

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