

[To James C. Pass. Greensboro, N.C.]

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Dearest

You may well imagine how often I have thought of my dear husband, since I received your letter and how much I sympathize with all soldiers - whether only playing soldier or really encamped for the war. This very cold weather is unfavorable to out-door exercise or labor of any kind and I pity you dearly if you are compelled to be exposed. I trust, however, you will be prudent and try to keep well. You speak of your hat being a light one - only having to issue out occasionally; still you are obliged to remain with the Regt. I am glad you have a room instead of a tent - I hope you will not do without any.

Darling, I dislike to write on paper that is not ruled; but, I will close my letter on this page anyway.

Mother and Mrs Elias Garrison are gone to spend today at Mr Albert Reeks. Mary has gone to Mrs Kings to a Salick garden (the use of iron work) today as they expected company. Kate invited her - so I guess a Candy-stew or something so.

Henry Ruggins is there I guess - went yesterday morning. Capt Charles Brown will start back to the army in a day or two - he offered to take a buggy to Beulah - but said they were ten miles apart - & he could leave it at Petersburg & write to him. I think it is quite as safe and they will not trouble any one to send it by express.

Frank sends love to you and kisses also. Write soon Dearest and tell me how you like soldiering. My love to friends.

Write often you have not much to do, and be assured your letters will ever be the sweetest drops in the cup of your wife's happiness in your absence - With many good wishes for your comfort and happiness - and my heart's best affections for your dear self.

I am now and ever
Your true Mary

thing you need if you can get it.
Grandma is much opposed to your being
a Soldier. She ~~feels~~ ^{is} much grieved
when, after reading ^{your letters,} I told her - "her Papa
was a Soldier now." She exclaimed "he
is not a Soldier. I shan't let the
Bankers have my Papa". Darling,
you see, your little family is rather
in favor of your accepting the furlough
offered you - unless you really prefer
taking a little experience in your
new business first. I am glad Green
& Pally
are improving - hope they may soon be
quite able to attend to their work - I
am sorry you lost your fences and trust
that Bart & Green may both remain
well so as to be able to replace them.

We have been well since you were here
and neighbors are also well, I think.

We have had letters from Brothers Frank,
Jimmin & Henry. They were all well and

only complained of short rations.
Father ^{sent} Henry a bag of provisions,
shoe & quilt day and has gone to Warran
this morning to express a box to Bud
Jimmin - he intends going to Golds-
boro Saturday, so he will express one
to Brother Frank there. They are really
suffering - Brother Jimmin especially -
he was only getting three oz of meat
& one half lb of meal per day.

Dr Hicks will return to Salisbury
Friday or Saturday. Georgie Hicks will
accompany him as far as Raleigh.

Capt Elias Shaw is at home on
furlough. They say he is very gray indeed.
Sid & Mag spent yesterday at
Mr John Faison's. Mrs James & two
daughters are still there. Lewis Giddens
was here yesterday - just called an
hour or two. He is at home on business
you know - will come again before
he returns to the Regt.