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Monday morning

My dear Papa -

I reached
Greenville last night
about 9 o'clock - 7 hours
late. All of the trains
are running late now
due to the increase
in travel and the
large amount of
freight moving on
account of the war.
We didn't leave Edenton
until 7:40 as the lat-

water pipes on the
coaches were frozen
and we waited until
The cars could be
heated by a stove.

The Norfolk and Western
was also late so I didn't
arrive in Norfolk until
12 o'clock. I took

dinner and supper
with Gaston Foote and
enjoyed seeing them.

I went to the office and
saw Mr. Syer and the
fore. Mr. Syer is not
so well and has just

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Returned from Clifton Springs where he has been for treatment again.

I can hardly begin to tell you how very much I enjoyed my visit to see you and I am very sorry that it lasted such a short while. You all were so solicitous about my wants and took such good care of

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me that I find it
hard to get back to
work again. Of course
the ground here is
covered with snow
and this has hampered
military operations and
the time has been taken
up in marching the
men to Greenville and
back every day and
in the afternoon lecturing
to them in the mess
shacks. The road
to town has been

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scraped clear of the snow so marching is not difficult.

The men have kept warm during this cold weather and I haven't heard of any suffering or increase in sickness. I am so very glad to know that the poor sick fellows in the unprotected field hospital have been moved to warm tents and to mess-rooms

that are not being
used.

I haven't seen
Brounie yet but will
leave him up at the
first opportunity and
see how things have
been going with him.
I hope that he will
be able to tell me that
he has received his
commission. There is
so much difference between
an officer and an
enlisted man so far
as prestige and
comfort are concerned
that I am very anxious

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To see him made
a lieutenant. I haven't
been able yet to talk
to any of the officers
in the Battery very
much and don't know
of any new developments,
in promotions, demotions
etc.

I am sending
you several pictures
taken while we were
in quarantine, I don't
suppose they will
interest you much, especially

the pictures of the
other officers but I
hope you will keep
them for me as they
will be interesting
to me after the war.

I will write
you again later on
in the week and
tell you any news
that might have
happened of interest.
Since I left camp, I
wanted to write you
as soon as I got
back to thank you all
for making my stay

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at home so very
pleasant

I hope you are
continuing to keep
warm and comfortable
during this cold spell
and that you are
not having any bad
effects from it.

With love to you all
Affectionately
Richard