

Chapins Farm
Sunday Oct the 23, 1864

Dear Harriet Christman,

Yours of the 14 came safe to hand and well pleased to hear from you, and we are all well and I hope you the same. I don't have much time to write now. We are on drill every day. This regiment was on drill yesterday and before we came in it snowed quite hard. We have had frost every morning since we have been here. Some have been ordered to build winter tents, but we won't stay here. The old soldier think that we will go to Washington and stay there this winter. There has bin no fighting here. I was glad to see Daniel Lendersom here. He is well and Charles Lyker. They came here to see me. I want you to write how much money is left and how many potatoes you have.

So while I set here the canvas came to build tents with. So we may stay here this winter. When we hut up for winter quarters I want you to send me a box of victuals and gloves. We have had our dinner. We had bread and butter and a meat potato. We have plenty to eat. Daniel Lenderson sits by me now. I and Daniel and Jake have just bin to meetin.

Now Harriet, I want you to write as often as you can all about your folks. If they are all well, and you must git some buckwheat for this winter. I want to know if your wood is sawed and split and hold in the shop. You must fix the stove pipe where it goes in the chimney. I must close this letter.

So good bye Harriet,
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Hattie, I will send you this (Unreadable for the children)