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Dear Mother

Father Jane the Captain he said that I could be excused from drill this fare noon for the express purpus of writing to you so that you know that Father will not come home this week, he thought when Dan went a way that he would start to day. But Byron came here last night and he wanted him to wait untill next Tuesday then he was a coming out there. Byron has gon this morning out in that part of the country around Franklin Ville and Machias, he has found a whole Company in Machias this Capt and first Lieutenant was here yesterday. & this company is a goin to join us soon that will make 8 Companys here when they Come

I think that when you see Dan you will hear hard things of Camp upham, he did not like our Side first rate and he got exactly want a gaunt stay no sur. Rudd had lied to him and he want a gaunt to stay no sur. there was no surety of his getting his wooden here and he is a going home yes sur. he made as big a fool of him self as any one could But say not hing about it we are as pleasantly situated as we can be, we have more to eat than we did when we was all at home some times we have Beef and bread and Butter potatoes buns apple sass and coffy, and water well, I was Vaccanated about a week ago it made me feel Bad for one or three days But it has got well now our Barracks are clean and nice the Hall is swept out every day and all around our Bunks

Pa says tell Mr Brown that he will be at home next week he will start next Tuesday, and he will see Weston and fix it so that the Dock can have the machine he can keep it there and use it if he wants to until Pa comes home

well I must stop for the Boys will soon come in from drill and they will make so much noise that I cant write

Ferd. sends his love to all Great Valley give my love to all and tell Gar Field if you see him to come make old Mathis Wales Churn and I will pay him when I come home. I had ought to write to Gar but I have no time now

Adieu