

Camp Misery Jan 29
Near Fredricksburgh

Dear Wife

I had thought that I would not write you again until I had some money to send you but fearing you would think that there was some trouble with me I thought that I would write and let you know that I was all right. If nothing happens we shall draw 2 months pay in the course of a week. The pay master sent word that he would be here in a few days but he cannot pay but 2 months this time. I will write soon as I get it. My pay will be a little more now. I have been raised from 5 corporal to sergeant that brings me 4 dollars more per month. My pay will be 17 dollars from last Sunday.

We have been on the move ever since I wrote you last. The weather has been very bad. We started to attack the rebels but the mud was so deep that we got stuck so we had to give it and wait till the weather is better. That will not be very soon. We have had snow storm that would make old Catteraugus blush. It commenced in a rain storm and ended snow. The snow fell near 10 inches deep. We have had a hard time of it in our small tents. We are about one mile from the camp where we were when I wrote you last. We were quite comfortable there but we have not had time to fix up yet here. I have not had a letter in some time. I do not know but they are miscarried. You ask if I know anything about Lois Ann's marriage. I do not. I have not heard from there only by you. You do not know anything about what hospital George is in do you. This storm makes me think you at home. How you are getting along. If Uncle Sam has got so poor that he can not pay his men he had better close the war. There is a great many men in this regiment that say that if they cannot get their pay they will desert and go where they can support their families. It is not right to promise to pay every 2 months and then not pay at all. But do not blame me for I feel worse about it than you do. How I would like to call in this morning and see how you are getting along and then I should not like to leave you again. Remember me to the children and be a good girl.