

Camp near Falmouth Va. Feb. 4

A lass we have got our money or part of it at least and I must write another letter or part of one any way. I hate to write I do. We are all well at present. we got our pay up to the 1st of November our months advance taken out. I got a \$15 check \$5.80 in money. the check is inclose hoping it will reach you safely. Uncle D. says he will put his in with it his is a 20. as he did not get any advance pay. I suppose you will have to sign your name to the back of them before you can use them. I wrote to you two weeks ago and told you the Regt had gone up the river they were gone two days making roads and then came back and staid in camp 2 days and went up again. I had a bad cold and did not go with them

after they had been gone three days I thought I would go up to the Regt and see what they were about. one of the teams was going up with provisions and so I packed up and put my knapsack into the wagon and got most up to their camp and heard that the Regt was coming down the river to where the pontoons were so we waited till they came in sight turned back and and came down about 2 miles and stoped about 2 hours. and then it comenced raining and we comenced marching and kept up both the first all night the latter till after 12 oclock when the pontoons got stuck in mud and we had to stop but the rain dident. we built up Fires and staid till morning I sat down on my knapsack and slept a part of the time. in the morning we marched about a mile and put up our tents and built fires and dried out the next day we came down here within half a mile of our old Camp turned into the woods and stuck up a shelter rested one day and then went of up the river on picket 48 hours got back to Camp it began to snow and rain together the next morning the snow was 10 inches deep. if you had seen our situation that morning you would know something of the hardships of a soldiers life. but I have some hopes for our country yet although it looks rather dark at present. we have got a new house built and we are all right again. we hewed out pine plank and raised it about 4 feet and covered it with our canvass makes a pretty comfortable shanty. I suppose you would think it would be rather tight squeezing for 5 men to get into a 12 feet by 8 shanty and cook eat drink and sleep but we do it and have plenty of room we have a good fire place in one end built of pine poles laid up like a cob house and plastered over with virginia mud. Eugene and uncle H. were over here the other day they were well and fat bothe of them, uncle Hiram especialy so Wills bunk mate was over here to day Will was detailed to go to aquia creek this morning he did not know what for he took 2 days rations I am going over to see him when he gets back. its most night and raining so good by till nextime. write soon

Wilber Moore to E. Moore

Oh say I wish you would send me a pair of suspenders by mail I could get them here by paying a Doller for them but I hate to do it. I got the mitens all right. They fit first rate here is Fredy and Emma some money

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P.S. uncle David wants me to write and tell warren to send his razor and a good brush says to get it honed if he can

Wilber Moore

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