

Letter From Ramsay, Charles S. written Saturday, December 7th, 1861

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My Dear Wife,

Your kind letter together with your other kind presents arrived safe this morning. I am very much obliged (to) you indeed for them. They will come in good and when enjoying them I shall think of those dear ones at home who have kindly remembered me.

I have not written since Sabbath excepting every day to ascertain whether or not I should be able to procure a furlough to go home. I thought all along until this morning that I would be able to but Prof. Tuttle applied for one for me this morning and the Col told him that the orders from headquarters were not to issue furloughs not even in the case of sickness. So you see that though much I wish to see you and be with I shall not be able to come though I hope that I shall yet be able to be with you before the winter is over. It is a very great disappointment to me for I thought sure that I would get to spend the holidays with you but I shall have to become reconciled and make the best of it. If I could only hear from you frequently I would get along but I expect when winter once sets in that the mails will become very irregular. I can hardly wait from one letter to another. After all is over and I learn that all is well I shall be better satisfied.

I was sorry to learn that your Mother or our Mother was not well. I hope that she may have recovered ere this. I dreamed last night that you were sick and I have worried over it considerably knowing your condition and that it must be about this time. Oh, if I only knew. I know that you are in the hands of those who will do all for you that will be possible but yet I am uneasy about you.

Yesterday four of us went down to Malden, were gone all day. Had a splendid dinner - Turkey, venison, boiled ham, nice light bread, corn bread, beans, turnips, warm and cold slaw, nice pies and etc. I tell you I ate heartily. The walk and the dinner did us all good.

News is kind of scarce in this region and I do not feel much like writing today. I am well and hearty, never felt better as far as health is concerned. I was weighed in the machine shop at Malden yesterday and according to their scales I weighed 158 pounds without my overcoat. What do you think of that? Don't you think camp life agrees with me? I think that the scales could not be correct for I do not think that I could have gained so much in the time I have been away.

Remember me to all the folks who may inquire after me. Love to all the folks at home with a large proportion for yourself.

From Your Husband, Charlie (Ramsay)