

Camp Griffin Pa Feb 9th 1862

My Darling wife

Yours of the 2nd was recd, Friday and was just in time to keep me from having the blues, for we have had another week of mud and rain, and I must say I do not like it much. The boys of the second are having a very good time for the mud is so deep they cannot drill, so all they have to do is go on picket once in five days, and the balance of the time study the tactics.

Capt Johnson has taken command of Co D and the boys like him well, and I believe they will get along first rate together. Lieut Guff is 2nd Lt. - a Sergeant of the Montpelier Co is 1st Lt., in my place - they do not like him at all - but perhaps they will by and by. Holden, Daniels, and Russell are in the Hospital, but not very sick.

Some of them will get a discharge soon I think. Frank Carpenter has got well, and is looking better than I ever saw him before - on the whole they are looking better than the same number of men would look in H. I am getting ^{along} nicely, health tip top, have gained about fifteen pounds I should think -