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Dear Wife

Again it is the Sabbath and I will try and write you a few lines. We have just got through inspection and so the duties of to day are through with except a Corp Parade tonight. Lieut Sherman has just gone to Church with Sgt Helbert and I would have accompanied them had it not been for an invitation I have had to spend the afternoon at Mrs Snows. I have not been up there since Christmas so you see I do not visit there very often even if I do think them nice. I expect to hear soon whether or no we are exchanged. It was thought by some we would be the 10th inst but from statements I have seen I am afraid the time for exchanges has gone by and we are either to be kept here as prisoners or be mustered out of the service and I hope that one or the other will be done before long for to be I mean exchanged or mustered out for to be kept here is very demoralizing to the men as well as some of the officers. You speak of being very lonely and I