

Camp of 12<sup>th</sup> Regt. M. V. M.

Woy Run Shoshone Va -

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1863 -

Dear Sam:

Your letter began Jan'y 16<sup>th</sup> was duly rec'd. It found us all well. Since writing you last we have moved from our old camp & are now in a nice place that we have cleared in the woods. Our men have stockaded their tents - all of them - that is they have built up the sides of their houses with timber & put the tent on as roofs -



Then, I have drawn you a rough outline of a stockaded tent so that you can get some idea of what they are. The men are more comfortable than they have been at all before. Many of them are better off than the officers. By raising the tent up in the manner they get very much more room & are much warmer. They are warmed either by fireplaces or stoves.

My own quarters are getting to be comfortable, tho'