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Dear Parents & Friends

I have been reading those Stimulators
you sent me which have done much
to employ and while saving the long
hours of idleness which afflict us
all here. This week I failed to get my
Tribune which had come in Friday night
before. that I miss greatly. So this week
I am not posted in the latest Political
News I look with anxiety for Foreign and
all Army News. as do all the thinking
men in the Army for to make the best
of it war is a thing of stern reality
attended with hardships and privation
which all except some high in Office
would jump with joy to see it closed
and be discharged and be once more
at liberty to go to their homes. Men
may write such letters as they please
to cheer anxious Friends at home but

this is the almost universal feeling here
yet the actual suffering in this Reg. is
limited to a very few cases. Col. Stoneman
whom you have already heard has tendered