

Camp Parde Jan 2^d 1864

Dear Parents & Sister

I have just got letter No 20
& am glad to hear you are all
well except colds. Yesterday & to-day
have been awful cold. Saturday was
warm as summer. I came pretty
being at home New Years. You know
I told you we had written to Wilson
to see if he would get us furloughs
Well Monday night an orderly came
from our Lieut for us to come over
to head quarters. When we got there
the Lieut told us that orders had
come from the Secretary of War to
grant us furloughs for 30 days, upon
conditions. He then called us up
one at a time & asked us if we
were well. & all told him we were
He then read a letter from the

Medical Director at Washington
stating that we could have furloughs
if we were not fit for duty within
the 30 days, so our telling him we
were well knocked furloughs into
a cocked hat. The Lieut thinks
there must have been some mis-
-understanding & advised us to
send to Wilson again & we have
I hardly think we shall get it, but
may as there is no probability
of an exchange yet awhile now
Butter did not do so much
as they thought he would
A lot of exchanged men were sent
off Tuesday & the Colonel here said
that there would not probably be
any more sent before next June
I should think Government done
enough in the way of Bounties
without begging more for them.
These men that came from Belle
Island this week look better than

we do who have been here 3 months
They all had Overcoats & Blankets
& Clothes in plenty & look as though
they had plenty to eat.

I wish you would send me more of
that Gold-thread I am out & my
mouth is getting sore again
Woodman came through quick from
home I've not heard from Frank
but am going to write soon
I guess that Luther Sweetser
did not come down.

So one Co of the 29^d have recruited
well there is one that won't be very
likely to enlist. Prickon.

We have not had any snow to speak
of yet only a little spit one day
some time ago

Well 1864 has come along at last
The first winter I came out it
looked a long ways ahead, but
there is an end to everything only
wait. But I don't think I should

want to live 3 or 4 hundred years
if they were all as long as these 3
looked to be the 1st year I was
out We have not got our Ration
yet; there was a mistake in the
Rolls but we shall have it soon
now. We have been mustered for
2 months more pay

But I must stop Write soon
Wishing you all a happy new
year. I remain

Yours truly

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