

Camp Parole Jan 2nd 1864

Dear Parents & Sister

I have just got letter No 20

I 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 misunderstanding & 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 Butler 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 Bounty, 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 22d have reenlisted
well there is one that wont be verry
likely to enlist I reckon

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 dont 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
I.E Green