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Washington North Carolina

January 21st 1864

Dear Old Pard's(?)

I have written to you one, two, three times, and received no answer, so with that hopefull result fresh in my mind I am once more induced to send you a few lines expecting to get just the same answer from you as I did to my three former one's.

Our Regiment has re-enlisted for three years, to the number of 430, non-commish, and privates, most of our officers will go also I think, I am in for another rip at it, () how I wish you were with us! This is a very dull town where we are stationed,

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Hoskinson(?) is Provost Marshal, Hoody(?) is Ordnance Officer, for the district, Col. McChesney of the 1st N.C. Vols is Commandant of the Post, and as our companies are all seperated some being miles apart, poor Martin has no chance to exercise any authority, and with the exception of poor old Morg Carr, he has no supporter's in the Regt Capt Winn(?) has brought charges of "Drunkenness on duty" against Metcalf, who you know is Major, and we are very favorable for Metty going up the bank, the more glory if he does.

I expect we, that is those who re-inlisted, will be in Philad. by the middle or latter part of February and I do wish you would try and come down if you can make it convenient. I have been sorry ever since that you did not come to the City while I was there last summer

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For I had quite a lively time amusing myself exactly in the manner we used to enjoy so, while we in Camp Curtis, I suppose you have not forgotten the "Girl on the Stove" . I had a good laugh to myself over your 15 cent game at Scotty's

Kinsman, 2nd Lt, of Co, E spent some time in Phila last summer and went around with Charley some, and he says that a man don't need to know any more than he can learn by traveling with Charley a few times, to make him die happy, oh Winnie! Where art thou?

You remember Bill Adam's, he was shot through the heart while leading a charge on a piece of Artillery the Reb's had in position near Greenville on the morning of Dec 30th, peace to his ashes!

I haven't anymore to say at present so au-revoir

Yours as ever
Paxson

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Enclosed I send you an impression of my "physy", and I want you to please send me one of yourself in return for I am very desirous of getting one of each original Officer who was one of my friends.

Write soon! Pax