



But he is with his Co. & all  
right & I wrote him a letter to  
day. We are staying here at  
the Station yet. I dont know how  
much longer we shall stay  
here. We are having good  
times now we drill 4 hours in  
a day & it comes around so  
that we have to go on  
guard a least once a week  
now, we did have to go on  
afternoon but we dont have to  
furnish so many guards now  
as we did & we get lots of  
rations a plenty of soft bread  
more than we can eat. I  
have just had a good dinner  
& I had Potatoes & Beets &  
"Sauerkraut" Bread & fresh Beef  
& coffee. I guess Gen. Mead  
thinks he will feed us up  
pretty good now while we  
are lying still. & before

now plus he will have us  
a fighting like Sons of Bitches  
well if he feeds us pretty good  
we can fight all the letters  
now maybe you think I am  
gassing when I tell you I  
had Sauerkraut for dinner  
but it is the fact we did  
draw it to day. & bats &  
dried apple every 5 days.  
I think them fellows that are  
drafted had letters come & not  
try to get exempt for I dont  
believe they live half as well  
at home as we are living  
now. There was 5 deserters shot  
yesterday ours in the 5 Corps  
they was fellows that had enlisted  
several times before just to get  
the Bounty & then desert  
but they was not sharp enou  
ugh this time they was shot  
yesterday afters noon

if Mat's girls have  
told us to write a good  
long letter & tell all  
the particulars she can  
think of. if any of you  
are sick let me know

Oh tell me if you know  
where Sam Halladay is

Jan Reed is in the 9th  
Corps.

We have got the Spring  
field rifle now & like the  
letter than I did the Austen  
rifle.

Our old Glad is  
all cut full of bullet  
holes. Sicut Mads is in  
command of Co. 9.

Magas Maffitt commands the  
Cal. McLay the Brigadier Genl  
the 104th Pa Regt

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if there is any thing more that  
I have not written tell me  
& I will write it

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Chapman found a letter in  
Whelan's knapsack that he  
had wrote to W<sup>m</sup> Wipe &  
had not sent it yet W<sup>m</sup>  
brought it down to the Co.  
& read it to all the Boys  
it was one of the strong-  
est love letters I ever heard  
read. W<sup>m</sup> watched around  
& when Whelan was gone  
after water W<sup>m</sup> went  
into Whelan's knapsack and  
found his Wipe's likeness  
& a shirt that used to  
belong to him when he

was at home ~~W<sup>m</sup>~~ brought  
them down to the tent &  
said he thought he would  
keep them the short news  
just what he wanted the  
sickness he did not care so  
much about but he did  
not want Whales to have  
it. So he kept that too.  
When Whales came around &  
found out what Chapman  
had been a leet he looked  
rather "green." I don't know  
how it will come out,  
they are both mad at each  
other. ~~W<sup>m</sup>~~ says he shant  
send home any more of  
his wages to support  
Whales with. He has  
sent Whales many too  
since he came to the  
Regt. Money that ~~W<sup>m</sup>~~  
has sent home to suppr

his children with Candem  
such a woman, if I was in  
~~W<sup>m</sup>~~ place I would shoot  
the 'Skedalling' Whales  
& his too if I could get  
a shaper.

Oh Ma I sent you  
a letter of a couple of days  
I don't know as you have  
got it yet or not ~~Stermans~~  
says pretty good looking, Ben  
he had one & I one, he sent  
his home & so did I  
Well that is all the news  
I can think of this time  
Only see musts to morrow  
for pay & I guess we  
shall get our money by  
the middle of next  
month if we are not  
on the man then  
Write now dont wait so  
long as you did in fore