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20th Army Corps.)

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Nashville Tenn.

N F Moore,
Buffalo N.Y.

Dear Friend,

Your letter of the 20th was received on the 26th and I need not say that it was with many thanks & was perused over & over again with the greatest pleasure. And to night as I sit here before a good fire with all cosy & warm I have wrote a letter home, & I thought I might as well write you now as to delay. I was in hopes that I would have something to interest you, this time, but have not so necessity compells me to ask you to excuse my poor letter again. There is nothing going on here now & business is getting dull, the Base of the Army has been moved to Eastport, consequently all the Army Business is and the Army is all that has held this place up. there is not quarter the stir here now that there was when we first came, the Government has placed the R Road again into the hands of the Company, & all Military restrictions have been taken off. The weather is & has been since Sunday very cold with some Snow. But these Southern Winters are nothing but mockery. We miss the Winter sports of the North. In 8 months more the chains that now hold me here a prisoner will drop off, & then thank God I shall once more be a free man, & if I am not greatly mistaken I shall remain one unless I commit some great crime & have the good luck to get into Sing Sing- As you see we are here yet. how long we remain we do not know, but would not be suprised to receive orders at any hour to report to the Corps, I dont think I should shead many tears if we did, But would dread starting out now it is so cold, I had a letter from home to day they are all well

The prospect for closing the War looks brighter evry day & I hope it will, for God know it has lasted long enough. I am well, & I hope this will find you all the same, remember me to all of your folks. write soon, & please excuse my short letter this time I will try & do better in the future

I am Norman
Your true friend
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