

Elmira March 24<sup>th</sup>/64

My Dear Wife

I now sit down to let you know that i am hear in Elmira and quite smart for me Hellen they brought me hear a Monday night and yesterday Olive and Jane came over to see me and to day they got me a pass to stay with Olive i have to report every day Hellen the doctor has sent on for my discharged i amazing to have my discharged and bounty and my back pay and hellen if you will move hear you can get a good liven thair is a scoity [society] hear that gives to all soldiers wifes Olive and Jane gets it every weak and you can the same and Hellen if you will come write as soon as you get this and if you will come i will have a house redy for you if you can get money to come hear with i will have money to pay the freight on the thing when they get hear you wont have to pay the freight till they get hear now hellen if you will onely come hear we will be all right for then we can take comfort together and i will be to home with my family and i can get aplenty of provisions and a load of wood and hellen if you cant get money to come with write and let me know write as soon as you get this and let me know and dont make no excuse about your dets for they cant take any thing you have got tell all the children that pa wants to see them all kiss all the children for me and a kiss for you ma and Olive sends thair love to you and all the children

This from your Husband

Frank Patterson

to his Wife Hellen Patterson