

Camp Beauregard

Fairfax Co Va Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 61.

Friend Bill

Your letter was received a day or two since and this is the first opportunity I have had since the receipt of same to essay a reply. I can assure you that material for a good letter is unusually scarce, much more so than formerly.

The only thing I have worth mentioning is that we have been since we camped here on a tramp to the Potomac and made a most terrible march having accomplished fifty two miles in 48 hours and surrounded on all sides by the enemy, but as they understood that the Seventh was a part of the crowd and in all its force they thought discretion the better part of valor and let us alone. We cannonaded a large building on the Potomac near Great Falls & went to several other places on the river and showed ourselves, and at Seneca Falls we had a day parade before their camp of 20,000, but it was no go the ~~buff~~ preferred to stay in their trenches.

On our return we had an election and your humble servant is now a Lieut

instead of Sergeant, by the unanimous vote of the  
Co. As we are now on the extreme front we have  
to do picket duty, one Regiment at a time  
it is pretty tough work, as the weather is now  
excessively cold and disagreeable, and to be  
three days away without tents and no fire  
is pretty hard duty. How long this will last  
is more than I can say, but opinion is  
divided as to whether we will have a fight  
or not. It depends entirely on Circumstances.

Serjt McAdams <sup>Corporal</sup> is away again at Charlotte <sup>North</sup>  
on the pick list he did not accompany us  
on our late tramp. The Boys of the camp are  
well & healthy. Jim White has gone home on  
a discharge. You will probably see him before  
this reaches you. The health of the camp is  
most excellent, although we have sent away  
to Richmond about 14 of our Company who  
were left at Camp Breckin. The greater portion  
are shipping, and went on a police more than  
anything else. The boys all wish to be sent  
to you, and those of your old camp most  
particularly. They request me to say to  
you not to write such nonsensical letters  
give them the news, that is all they desire  
and none of your nonsense.

Adieu yours &c Geo P. Pease