

Deserted Camp of 100th Penn. Vols
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My dear Jane

I wrote you from here yesterday, but probably this will reach you first as I take the opportunity of sending this down by the Quartermaster to Fortress Monroe, and it will likely reach you at least as soon as the previous one.

The storm I mentioned yesterday still continues unabated, and there is now a considerable depth of snow on the ground, besides it is cold as winter. I felt some anxiety in regard to how our boys fared after starting out such a day, but a message has come up stating that they are comfortably quartered and getting along well enough. On the quartermaster's return I shall know all about them. We spent a very comfortable night. I slept in a bed of hay with Mr. Brown.

All doubt of our going West is now gone. We will take the cars at Baltimore, and go on through old Pennsylvania, so that about the end of next week the Roundheads will pass through Pittsburgh once more. We can't tell just when, for this storm has a good deal to do with it. Our orders to day are to wait till the weather permits embarking. Probably we will not be able to resume again for two or three days and I expect a delay in changing to the cars at Baltimore.

Besides this I have nothing new to write about to day. We may pass through Pitts by the end of the week or may be by very good arrangement on the part of those in charge of transportation by next Friday. The storm is now raging furiously, and may cause a greater delay than we expect.

You will please excuse my brevity as I want this finished for the Quartermaster and not keep him waiting.

With much love yours affectionately

William