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Camp Washington February the 4th

Dear Sisters

I embrace the present opportunity of writing you few lines to inform you how we are still getting on and what our prospects are. ~~But~~ But I haven't any news to write you except that Maj = Vandorn is our Maj = Gen = and commander = in chief. I only write you because I have an opportunity of sending it by hand to Dallas for there is nothing at all that will interest. John was a little sick but is getting well in fact he was not much sick. he has been getting so fat that his horse can hardly carry him you can judge of his fat by the following figures.. 205" lb. Orders have just got into camp for all the soldiers ~~to~~ be that are out on furlough to be called in and no others to be granted except the sick furloughs. I have been to Vanburen since I wrote to you last or other while I was at Vanb John sent it off. And while I was there I had my pistol sold. The circumstances are these.. I left it in a gunsmiths shop to have a bead put on it and I told him my name and told him not to let any body have it but me.. but had not been gone 20 minutes before it was missing.. he blamed it on a man that come there while he was working on another pistol while he at other times blamed it on another man from this Regt = I knew the last young man and I also knew that he did not get it and finally he said that he thought I took it off and I made him take that back for if he had not I think I should have got on to him. but I made him pay me \$50 for it and fortunately bought another at \$10

I told him that if he would get the pistol he could have his money back for it was Joce's but I believe he stole it himself and Gulm is trying to get it. I saw Mrs. Gulm and Miss Laura White I was at town and had a long talk with them. They are both in good health, especially Miss Laura for she is tho rather fleshy. She enquired about all the girls and told her all I could. The health of the Regt is fine. Give my love to all the family to Cousin Sallie and Vane Foster and tell them to write to me. I would like to receive a letter from cousin Sallie or Vane either. Give my love to Nannie Serena and Mollie and all other enquiring friends.

See copy this and send it to ~~both~~ Betty for I haven't time to write to her in a different letter and tell her to give my love to all the friends ~~in~~ Li - Abard tell Lou Aunt Mary and cousin Joe to write to me. I think I shall write to Mollie and Serena in a few days to let them know that I have not forgot them entirely. Tell father that I have not received a letter from him yet but I suppose you tell all that is necessary but I have not received but one from you yet one from Betty and one from Vanhoir. One of the principle objects in writing this is to tell you to direct your letters as you will see on the small piece of paper until I tell you to direct them differently.

With these few hastily written lines I remain
Your brother, Sam. B. Love. Joe P. - sends his love to you and all other enquiring friends. There is nothing more that I can think of to write and tell every body else to write to me.