

Douglas Hospital March 12th 1864

Dear father

I received your letter to day and I av read through it. I am sorry to see that God has visited illness on you this winter, which only He can do when He sees fit, but it seems to me you have no cause to complain since you have lived happily till with such a large family and such hard work as you have to do. I saw a letter from you, before I came here, which was addressed to the captain of my company. The reason for that must be that you had not received my letters , but as soon as I saw that I wrote to you and also to Ole, but I see in yours of the 7th of this month that you have not received any of them and I can let you know that I escaped many a hard days and nights march, namely this Kilpatrick's raids to Richmond, in which I see by the newspapers that many officers and men from our regiment were taken prisoners and I also fear that many have fallen, but I hope for the best dear father. I think that I will be able to rejoin my regiment the first of next month and it is my wish to go back as soon as possible for time is passing slowly for me here. I see that you want to know when I enlisted and I can tell you that it was October 10th 1862 for three years, but that time will pass fast provided I have my health and so dear father I must close this time, hoping that these few lines will your all enjoying good health then all will get well. This your son hopes and greet Joel from his brother and tell him not to leave home before I come back if it Gods will that we shall see each other again.

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