

[Letter from V. W. Sargent in an army hospital in Tennessee to his parents in Iowa]

Jeff Beks [*unclear*]
July 25th/64

I now sit down to write you a few lines to let you know that I am still at Jeff Beks and alive and well but dont [*don't*] expect to stay here long for I am going to get transferred to my own state they are agoing to send me to davenport I am going away tomorrow so the doctor says

As soon as I get their [*there*] [*paper torn word missing*] I am going to get a furlough. I can go home pretty quick and cheap from there I have not herd [*heard*] from you for about three weeks now perhaps you are expecting me home I did

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expect to go home before this time and put my name in for a furlough but they said that they was going to send me to my own state and that I could get a furlough from there my leg has got well except is a little weak in the knee. I threw my crutches aside long ago I got a letter from Joel the other day he said that washy was home on furlough if Washy has ben [*been*] with the regt [*regiment*] all the time I expect he has had a pretty hard time for I think by what I have herd [*heard*] the Regt [*regiment*] was on that expedition through Miss [*Mississippi*] with Smith

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I have no news to write so will close

V. W. Sargent

You had better not write until you hear from [*rest missing*]