

[Letter from V. W. Sargent in a hospital in Keokuk, Iowa to his parents]

Keokuk Iowa  
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Dear Parents

I once more [word missing] [three words unclear]  
Several boys from my Regt [Regiment] were here Dan [Seward ?] is here to one fellow from my company name W. McLean a real good fellow he sais [says] I can get a furlough I haint [haven't] said any thing about it to that dockter [doctor] yet I am going to ask him once and if he dont [don't] let me have it he has got to give me transportation to my Regt [Regiment]. I aint going to humble myself before any dockter [doctor] or officer to get a few days furlough I cant [can't] get only 20 days anyhow

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that is the way is goes a soldier dont [don't] know one day where he will be sent the next but I am satisfied with the changes I have [unclear] a few lines to [word missing] to inform you of my health and whereabouts.

My health is good I feel as well now as ever I did in my life am at Keokuk in the hospital came here night before last I wrote to you and told you that I was going to davenport and then wrote again and told you that I thought I would not go at all and all at once they took a notion to send me to Keokuk and here I am

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I have got only one year longer to sirve [serve] and I believe I can wate [wait] until thin [then] although I would like to go home on your acout [account] now that I have gave you some hopes that I was coming home and I should have ben [been] home long before this if the dockter [doctor] at Jeff Beks had took any interest in my getting a furlough but I think that I will get one yet time will tell Write as soon as you get this

From your son  
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