

[Letter to his father from V. W. Sargent in an army hospital in Keokuk, Iowa]

Keokuk Aug 25<sup>th</sup>/64  
Aug 28<sup>th</sup>/64

Dear Father

I received your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> and was very glad to hear from you for it has been about five weeks since I heard from home at all. am glad to hear that you are all so well and to hear that you have got your grain all in think you don [done] pretty well for an old man sure It seems to me that Washy has got a pretty long furlough I would like to get a furlough now and come home while he is there but there I no telling when

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I will get it. I have sent in an application and I may get it in a week and I may get it in a month and I may not get it at all. I shall get pay again in a coupple [couple] of weeks if I stay here that long.

I am well and hearty as ever and have lirnred [learned] my game leg to walk again so I think I can march my 20 miles a day if need be. I am on duty here at the Hospital standing guard. I stand 4 hours out of 24 two in the daytime and two in the knite [night] and the rest of the time I have to myself to run around through town

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or lay in my bed.

Dan [Seward?] is here what what time he aint under arrest. Several of the boys from the 27<sup>th</sup> came up here a few days ago that was wounded at the late fight at Tupelo now from my company has come up here yet there 3 or 4 of them wounded though William Clark for one think he will loos [lose] his leg if not his life so some of the boys say that came up and one struck in the belly with a spent ball.

I will close now write as soon as you get this write all the news where you live and how all the folks

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on the crick [creek] are getting along all of you write

Excuse bad wrighting [writing] for it has ben [been] so long since I have wrote any that I have got out of practice

Yours Truly  
V.W. Sargent

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