

Camp Wood Jan 30th 1862

My Dear Mother

You may think it strange that You have not resived A letter for so long the fact of it is I have been very sick Just after the young Ladyes Miss Thruston and Phillips were here I was takin down with Camp Feaver. I thought that it would not last long so I didnt Write or come home but I got worse and worse til I was not able to go home and was confined to my bedd whare I lay for ten dayes hardly able to ture [turn] over but I have got[ten to] be well now and abler to doe deauty [do duty] the camp is a poor place to be sick in I resieved the the box of good things that you sent me by Mr. Hosier and the package by G. Patton their is another one of our men in Dayton William Wright ond furlough woh [who] will be coming back in a feau [few] dayes if you have got any thing to send you can send it by him you said any thing I wanted to send for[,] so I will I would like to have some of that nice dried Corn and can or to [2] peaches and some Molasses and pear of pants I am getting mad[e] at Breens and a Fatigue cap and neck tye [tie] tell Breen to have them made and send by Corp Wright tell Father that I get the paper that he sends almos[t] regular[l]y and great many from you living is vary high hear now it takes almost all we get to live on I donot know when we will be payed off but I thin[k] it will not be vary long as our payrolls are made out and sent Lo[u]isville Some time a go I think I have sayed about all I [have] to say as I do not know when we are to move forward things look now as if we will s[t]ay her[e] for some time we are throwing up entrenchments across the River and on this side to[o] I think we will remain til Spring opens tell Mr Breen that I think their is no hope for him to get a pass down hear unless he comes with Mr Deighterek to get the money when the Solgers are payed off he seems to want to come so bad Their is nothing hear but mud and Solgers we can hardley step outside of our tent til we are up boote tops in mud I resieved the noose [news] yesterday tha [they] Found Leland died at the Hospital in Lo[u]isville he was a fine young man a corporal in Thruston Company their has not been a great man[y] dieth [deaths] in our regiment Well I must Bring this letter [to] a coase [close] I am now getting [well] and able to atend to dutties Pleas[e] excuse this baley [badly] written letter To Mrs Julia, Patterson

Your Most affecionate  
Son William Patterson  
1st O.V. Inf

PS I would not send any more socks as the men get all they want from the goverment but mittens they want baley [badly]

Dirret [direct] your letters to 1st Regt O.V Infantry I think my letters go to the 1st Ohio Cavlry