

Camp Wood Sunday  
Feb 9th

My Dear Mother

I have written and written and have not rsieved [received] any answer but I am thinken I will get one to day we had the plesure of meeting Dick Thruleston Henry Fowler and a young man by the name of Leamon hear to day Dick came down withe Gen. McCook who has been spending one or too days in Dayton I hope he has had good time for I would like to spend a short time at home myself I have been very sick for fifteen dayes with the Camp Feaver and then chills but I have got ove[r] boath now but very weake I think I will be able to be on deauty [duty] to morrow if I had my pay I think I would go down to Louisville and stay a week till I got little stronger but as I have non[e] I will jet along hear as so well as I can since I have comenced this I have resieved a letter Roberts he sayes that you heard bad newse from Ereens but it is all over now if I jet as sick as I was again I will come home I rsieved all your presents from Hosier and Patton and Col Parrott their with an other man down from Dayton that belongs to our Company in a day or to if you have got any thing to send you can send it with him Corp Wright is the man Anny Wright['s] Brother if you can convenientley I would like to have a little dried corn and cuntry molasses I do not know when we will move but I think it will [be] very shortley now Fort Henry is taken and will be very likely to martch for Bowinggreen [Bowling Green] in short time our regt is very mutch redused now on the account of sickness a great many have gon[e] to Lou[i]sville to Hospital and when they go their we allmost give them up and a greit many have gon[e] hom[e] on furlough we have too [two] Lieutenants now at home recruiting for the regt Their is now [no] news hear or nothing exciting accept [except] firing at the pickets the enmy come up evry day or to [two] and give us a shot and away they go as fast as they their horses can cary them Well I think I have given you all the news so will bring this badley written letter to close and subscribe myself

Your most affectionate son  
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