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Camp Gennison Ohio, Oct 22nd / 1862

Dear Friend John -

You perhaps
have come to the conclusion that
I had forgotten my promise to
write you - I have several excuses to
make for my negligence - I received
a letter from William dated Madison
Sept 18th stating that he would
take my things home & - I thought
it not necessary to write you im-
mediately as I wished not write
home - Well a few days after I
took a severe cold which settled on
my lungs & in my head and
I was quite sick for several days -
The news came for our Regt - to
march & I was not well enough
to go with them and about a
dozen of us were taken to a Hospital

in Covington K. Y. a place across
the river from Cincinnati—
I was in the hospital there about
two weeks and was sent to a hospital
here at Camp I— where I expect to
stay until I am well enough to
to go to my Regt— I am getting better
slowly—

I would like to have seen William
first-rate— what did he say about
Camp Randall and the place gener-
ally there? Have you drinked out of
that favourite hot rarity? an extra-
ordinary beverage that— Camp Dennison
is quite a nice place, there are nearly
2000 patients here with about 50 to a
hospital, which makes quite a little town—
together with the depot & other buildings—
He tires me to write much, so I will be
obliged to bring this to a close—
You must excuse this short letter & I will try to do better
next time— And this as soon as convenient—

From your friend. Alfred. B. Brown

Just to Camp Dennison, Ohio

March 26

P. S.

If you have received my letter from home

Safety, please tell me what is going on there
I suppose you & William talked that matter
in regard to my thing?

A. B. Brown

Camp Dennison, Ohio. Oct. 22d, 1862.

Dear Friend John:

You perhaps have come to the conclusion that I had forgotten my promise to write you. I have several excuses to make for my negligence. I received a letter from William dated Madison Sept, 18th stating that he would take my things home, etc. I thought it not necessary to write you immediately as I wished to write home. Well a few days after I took a severe cold which settled on my lungs, and in my head, and I was quite sick for several days. The news came for our Regt. to march. I was not well enough to go with them, and about a dozen of us were taken to a hospital in Covington, Ky., a place across the river from Cincinnati. I was in the hospital there about two weeks, and was sent to a hospital here at Camp D. where I expect to stay until I am well enough to go to my Regt. I am getting better slowly.

I would like to have seen William firstrate. What did he say about Camp Randal and the place generally there? Have you [drunk] (drinked) out of that favourite hat lately? - an extraordinary beverage that. Camp Dennison is quite a nice place. There are nearly 2000 patients here, with about 60 to a hospital, which makes quite a little town, together with the depot and other buildings. It tires me to write much, so I will be obliged to bring this to a close. You must excuse this short letter, and I will try to do better next time. Ans[wer] this as soon as convenient.

From your friend,

Alfred B. Brown.

[Envelope addressed Mr. John Muir, Madison, Wis.]