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Camp Near Murfreesboro

Jan. 17th 1860

Dear Father

I recieved [sic] your letter a few days ago and was glad to hear from you I hardly know what to write. in my last letter to mate I gave you all the news that I could about the battle there is not much excitement in camp at present the report here is that Vicksburg and Chattenenga [sic] are ours but how trew [sic] it is I do not know. but if it is so the fighting in Tenn. is a bout over I wish it was so and I wish it was settled so that we could go home there is one thing I think will help to close the war and that is no more exchange of prisoners if it does not help to close the war it will keep the rebels from being paroled and then going in the army again. if you see Spencer Riseing [sic] tell him that Austin is sick he has not been with us since we left [Rienza] Miss. and that was in Sept and where he is now I do not know. All Barker has been sick for the past week the health of the 74th is not very good they have not been in as long by twelve month as our regiment and they do not now number as many as we do in our regiment we only number 217 privates able for duty rather a small Reg. to what it was when we left Chicago with 10./d men but although we number but few with Rosecrants at our head we are willing to do our part we will not be the first to [eng] stop as I wish to write another letter I must close tell Walter that

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had better answer my letter please send me Geo address in your next letter I have written him two or three times and have re cieved [sic] no answer give my love to all Good Bye

From your Affectionate

Son

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(care Capt Sabin)

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