

## George Letter 22nd Michigan Infantry

Head Quarters Army of Kentucky

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Dear Mother Father and Friends. I received those things you send in G. Jacksons [sic] box. Now to tell you about my health. I have had the measles and got over them I was taken with them the day before New years [sic]. I went to the hospital Wednesday [sic] night. And spent a happy New years [sic] on my bunk. Never got up all day.

I came out of the Hospital this morning. But cannot walk more than 25 rods yet. Do not worry about me I am getting along nicely. If I do not catch cold I shall soon be well. I was very glad to get that likeness of [illegible]. But dont [sic] think it looks natural. Why dont [sic] you send Franks. I want his any way, next time you write you must send it. I will send mine as soon as I get fleshy again I am to [sic] poor now to have it taken now. I am afraid that Frank never will be good for a Soldier. Orin will get home on account of his deafness. I wish they were all at home. And then I could take care of myself. Because I am better posted on matter than they are. We were paid the other day and that Check will be there in a short time. They owe us over two months [sic] pay now and they say we are to be paid again the 18th of this month.

George Gilbert is in Company A. the next Co. to ours. He is sick now. He lives out near Grin Speaguer. I was not far from there last spring when I was out with Wm. Buff. Tell me what kind of a winter you are having up there. We had about 3 inches of snow here night before last. But it is all gone now. Tell Lew he must write to me and let me know how he gets along this winter. And whether he goes to school or not. He must take good care of the team for I want to see them fat next Spring when I get home.

Well Father how do you stand it this winter what are you doing to busy yourself. Do you trade horses as much as usual this winter. You must put that money in some place where it will do me some good for I am breaking down my constitution, to earn it and I want it put where I can have it when I come home. You can use it as you please but have some stock or something that I can have. It is getting dark and I must close now write as soon as you get this.

From George

Your Son

P. S. Direct as usual