

Camp Parole Sept. 22^d / 63
Governor Coburn,

I feel to day as though it would do me some good, to write you a few lines to day, and I have no doubt you take pleasure in receiving letters from your old troops. I dont wish to weary you with to long a letter, so I will give you an outline of what I would like to write. I enlisted on the 22^d day of April 1861 with the idea that I should not be from home more than three months. It is two years & four months since I left home. I was in the U. S. General Hospital when I heard the Me troops were going home on a furlough. I got discharged from there and arrived here just 4 hours to late

to go home with them. I have been
here just one week to day sleep in
my bunk without one item of
clothing to cover me or lay upon
consequently I have taken cold
I have pains in my bones which
I think is rheumatism. I
dont suppose it is possible to
get home now till my time is
out which can not be longer
than the 1st of June - 1864 a
happy day it will be to me if
I live to see it. It made me
homesick and discontented to see
so many go home & I obliged to
remain in this parole camp. I
never was so disappointed in
my life as I am now to ^{know} that
I cannot go home after being
told every day for one week that
we were shure to go. I have now
make up my mind that I will
stay any time out in the service

if God spers my life -
Then I will have a discharge
and I hope no one will try to keep
me longer - It was the fault of the
Doctor in command at the Hospital
that we did not get home - I
am just as thankful to you as
though I were at home, I wish
you many blessings and a long
and happy life for the interest
you have taken in the welfare
of the troops from our state
I will now close hoping God
will bless you in your good works
and that we may soon hear of
an honourable Peace.

Yours Truly
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