

Received your kind and welcom [welcome] letter this morning which was read with pleasure Sister you need not worry about Thea if he is in the Hospital for he is not down with any deseise [disease] it is nothing more than the rheumatism you know that he has it often so do not wory [worry] about him i go over to see him evry [every] day or to [two] he did not like it becaus [because] i wrote home that he was in the Hospital i think that you

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[&] I will stop writing till [until] i go over and see Thea and give him his letter Well Sister i have just returned from the hospital and am glad that i am able to write to you that Thea is better today he says that he will write to you in a few days he say [says] that you must not look fore [for] him home till [until] you see him come he thinks that maby [maybe] thay [they] wont [won't] discharge him but i think that thay [they] will for the Lieutenant [Lieutenant] told

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me that Capt was going to do all he could for him Lute said that i should tell you that he was all right on the goose he thinks that he will be abel [able] to come to Camp by sunday he says that he has lots to Eat and plenty to drink Wine and Old tar Brandy the gun Boat New Era is here she is from St Louis she has five guns on her i think she is a poor Excuse the guns are splendid ones thay [they] carry 94 pds shell before thay [they] are charged but thay [they] are building three that are Charmers the Leo B McClellan the N.P. Banks & the Jo Holt thay [they] are to be covered with iron two inches thick if a shot strikes them thay [they] will bound of [off] like a ball the McClellan will be launched next week give my Lov [Love]

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to Father & Mother and all the rest of the folks & write soon from your Affectionate

Brother

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