

a cigar & a percussion cap & ball
Cartridge that was given to me by the
prisoner. The gun he used was a
Mississippi Rifle (Sporting) they had
no Bayonets to their arms. You may
do with those trophies as you see fit
But I thought you would like to have
something of this kind of article as most
every one who can get them are sending
them to their friends.

It was given out on parade that
this regiment would receive pay tomorrow
but it may be several days yet.
All the regiment is in good health
that are here and enjoy their selves very
well in various kind of amusements
such as pitching quoits, Evening dances &c
all it lack in these dances is the ladies
but as Calico is worth one dollar per yard
they are too costly to have with us

I am very well for a soldier and
trust this will find you all enjoying the
many blessings of life & prosperity.

address above
until I get the En-
in hand, of which I will
in form you.

Yours Bros. John

J. W. S. Meares

Sept 24th
I found that the first of this date
had not left the camp & took it out
to mail with this

Arlington Sept 24th 1861

Dear James

When I returned from
drill I found three letters one
of them addressed Lieut W. B. Co. S. of this
The others was one from you &
one from George. All of them gave
information me that my commission was forth-
coming and near at hand

And from what I can learn
it will be read on Dress Parade
this evening. The advice you have
given me is very good & I shall
endeavour to do my duty let come
what will. This is the great trouble
with most men when they have the
authority they do not know how
to use it. And my promotion will
undoubtedly give pleasure to some while
others will not be suited

The Majority of this Co. I know will

be satisfied my reason for thinking
and saying this some of them have
talked this and even went so far as
to attempt to get a partition up &
would have done it but when they
told me that they wish to get-Reint Mc-
Creery for Capt-I told them not to
rush the thing. & thus it stood

They have frequently said that they
had not got a man fit for the
position. You will except my warmest
thanks for the interest that you have
taken in securing this position as also
those that have work in connection
with you. And be assured that it will
ever be my aim to do credit to my
self and those that are with me when
on the battle field. That there will be
no cause for rebuke hereafter & should
it be my fate to fall by the enemy's hands
I will die honorable: discharging my duty
in the cause of my Country.

And the call has been close several

times while on my post-on picket-
but it was not my lot to fall by any
of the ill intended bullets from the enemy.

James I shall probably have to ask
for some money. I shall have to fit out
according to the regulations of the army.
I have not got any pay from government
yet and the error has not been rectified
in the first pay. The pay for ^{the months} ~~sum total~~
of July & August will am^t to 32⁰⁰ of
which I owe 6⁵⁰ Borrowed money.

My outfit will cost about 65⁰⁰ or 75⁰⁰
dollars without- Mattrass & tent fixture
the latter I will not try to get now.

This I will lay aside to get ready
for dress parade & then I will know
if the Commission is come there
is others with it.

Dress parade is decreed and there
was no orders read of the officers
appointed. But it seem to be known
about camp who these appointments
are. I send with this two scrub feathers