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Camp Clin July 21st 1863.

Dear Parents.

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Having just now ascertained that the mail leaves tomorrow morning, I hasten to reply to your letter just received. I was very glad indeed to receive ^{it} when I did, and to hear that you were all so well, and that you had received my letter. This will be the fourth one I have written since then. One at Camp McLaren, two at Camp Hayes, and this one. The General has just been round warning us that he fears an attack to night or to morrow, so a fresh supply of Cartridges have been issued to us, and we will be more on the watch. We come on guard now about once in 5 days. There is one thing certain, we are in the vicinity of the enemy and an attack either way is not improbable any moment. I was very glad to hear no complaints on account of the drought. I suppose you have the barley & rye harvested by this time. I would be glad to receive your likenesses, but I think you had better wait sending them yet a while, although Homer Hellock got one to night from his sister by mail all right.

Our chaplain was left behind at Camp
Atchison. His address is C. P. Light. Chaplain
7th Minn. Vols. Indian Expedition. Via Ft. Abercrombie
We had regular meetings when he was along
also. ~~gave~~ books & tracts to read, but now
we have but little time to read. I hope
you have had a good Camp Meeting in
Cleveland. I heard Burke was figuring largely
there. I am very thankful for the advice
contained in the letters. It all comes in place
and I shall endeavor by God's help to live in
accordance while I do live, and I called
to give up my life as a sacrifice for my Country
I trust it will be all well with me.
The boys with us are all well. Those to whom
you sent your respect send theirs in return.
Jo. Davis is quite well, and is still with
us, & stands every hardship first rate. You can
tell his folks so. He is now assistant Cook for some
time. Ed. Talbot is well & still at Head Quarters
He got a letter to night the first since he left Camp
Pope. I must now come to a close I will write again
if spared next mail. We will then have arrived
at something definite about the Indians and I
think before then we will have met them in battle
and chastised and captured them. There is a rumor
that Little Crow is killed. I hope it is so.
Give my best regards to all the friends. Write every
week. Direct as before. Farewell for the present