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Letter, A. J. Boswell to Cynthia Jackson Boswell; 12/27/1861

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Camp Osha Dec 27th 1861

Dear wife

I am sitting in my cabin
about half well and as home sick
as I can well be. Billy Sam and
Jim Mcmillin, are sitting around the
fire a telling of their sweethearts at home.
The rest of my mess are out to a party
and my thoughts refer back to you and
home and as this is my only chance
of conversing with you I set myself down
to talk. There is no news that I can tell
you there is a powerfull stir among the
troops for what purpose we know not.
I suppose their destination is looking
for where we expect a fight in a few
days. We buried one of our men this morn.
Major Wood you did not know him I
think. I did think that I should be
able to get home soon but the thing is
out for the present orders was issued to
night that no more furloughs will be
granted at least for some time to come.

There is some great move on foot that
have a great effect on our young Republic
untill that is over we shall be kept
close we are as well fixed up here so
far as being comfortable as we could
wish our duties are light at present
if we are allowed to remain during
this winter at this place we shall
certainly be as fortunate set of soldiers
as ever went from home but I have
no notion that we will stay here very
long, unless things change very much
which I hope they will. The first chance
you get I wish you would send me a
pair of my heavy pants if you get a
opportunity soon for I am getting
nearly out I suppose Mr Jackson
will be here by this time tell him

When I write I shall be glad to hear
from you at any time I saw a letter
from Mr Campbell stating that your
family are well. I suppose you have
been to Macomb as you wrote you thought
of going up to spend your Christmas
I hope you had a good time as I
wish I should if I had been there

I received a letter from Mr Lowmy
giving rather a bad account of my
business but from what I can learn from
other sources it is as good as could
be expected for the times. John Grant
tells me that old man Howling wants
to buy an interest in the stable and
that is the reason that he writes me
letters (The oldascal). Frank is looking
now our old cook has gone home on a
visit. He got a little tight Christmas
he seems to be well satisfied

Give my love to Sister Matt and
all of your family

From your Husband

J. B. Boswell