

Dear Wife
Camp Adirondack Washington Oct. 8th 1863

Dear Wife

Yours came to hand Tuesday
was glad to hear from you - I expect by this time you
are in "home sweet home" how I wish I was there with you -
This is a very rainy day, and I shall keep in doors
most of the time, as I am now off of camp duty, I thought
as I had to do the Orderlies business I would give up
the other, so now I shall have less to do. The Orderly is
sick of the fever - has gone to the hospital, as Mrs.
Leyforde could not take care of him and their boy, who
is quite sick. He has had the bowel complaint for three
months, which has run him all down, and they cannot
now check it, and he now has a fever. I should not
be surprised if he never see Keene again, Leyforde
wants to get a furlough and go home as soon as he
gets well enough, but the boy could not go now, as
long as I have his duty to do I shall not have to go off
on duty. I went down to the city as witness at Court
Martial yesterday, it was a case of a man who got
drunk while on duty at camp, and I put him in the
guard house. My coat has arrived and fits very
well, I am now tenting with Lieut. Stone and we
have bully good times, (as the boys say out here) but
I didn't say so. My health is tip top, eat like
a pig, sleep like a dog, and on the whole am getting
along "right smart". I know nothing what will be the
result of the disaffection among officers, to appearance it seems
no settlement than it did a month ago, but there have

You must remember me to all the folks, love to you
and Flora, a kiss for Henry

Yours J. Henry Jenks

Camp Adirondack Washington Oct. 8th, 1863

Dear Wife

Yours came to hand Wednesday
was glad to hear from you. I expect by this time you
are in "home sweet home" how I wish I was there with you.
This is a very rainy day, and I shall keep in doors
most of the time, as I am now off of camp duty. I thought
as I had to do the orderlies business I would give up
the other, so now I shall have less to do. The Orderly is
sick of the fever. has gone in the hospital, as Mrs.
Leyforde could not take care of him and their boy, who
is quite sick. He has had the bowel complaint for three
months, which has run him all down, and they cannot
now check it, and he now has a fever. I should not
be surprised if he never see Keene again, Leyforde
wants to get a furlough and go home as soon as he
gets well enough, but the boy could not go now, as
long as I have his duty to do I shall not have to go off
on duty. I went down to the city as witness at Court
Martial yesterday, it was a case of a man who got
drunk while on duty at camp, and I put him in the
guard house. My coat has arrived and fits very
well, I am now teaching with Lieut. Stone and we
have bully good times, (as the boys say out here) but
I didn't say so. My health is tip top, eat like
a pig, sleep like a dog, and on the whole am getting
along "right smart". I know nothing what will be the
result of the disaffection among officers, to appearance it seems
no settlement than it did a month ago, but there have

resigned the last month, because they were obliged
to, there are now some 8 vacancies among the commis-
sioned officers, but I think I shall stand no sight
as yet, but others may go, if the Col. makes his card
work, they will, he is a hard one to fight against, he
hangs on like a bull-dog. Sgt. Stone will stand the
first chance in our Com., as he has been acting Lieut.
^{six months}
and, has had charge of the Company four months, and
ought to have it, he has recd only Sgts. pay, but has had to be to
extra expense. Mrs. Rusts boy is a little better, she is a going
home just as soon as she can. We have fresh meat now three
times a week, which will give us two or three meals each time
have good soft bread, good coffee, and with butter I make
it go very well we have potatoes once and awhile but
they are not very good, I prefer the bread, our cooks draw
some flour and make doughnuts every week, we had them
last night and they were good too. Wm. Combs does the
cooking, and his wife who is out here with him, helped
him last night. We draw more rations than we need,
and sell some, and compute some, and draw money
which we expend in buying vegetables, we have had four
boil dinners of Cabbage beets Potatoes beef pork &c.
but after all things dont taste here as they used to, where your
fingers used to get in the dough, different spice entirely
from what we have here. I dont take the whiskey, and
I dont believe I shall have the Chills, but what the fire will
drive away. You want to see me do your will, I wld
like to see you I reckon, hold on a little longer. I could
have gone this week if I was a mind to I had the
offer of a furlough of 10 days. I shall wait another
month now. But keep up good spirits, hope for the
best, and all will come out right in the end. I sent you
some papers this week and Flora a bit of fancy

resigned the last month, because they were obliged
to, There are now some 8 vacancies among the commis-
sioned officers, but I think I shall stand no sight
as yet, but others may go, if the Col. makes his card
work, they will, he is a hard one to fight against, he
hangs on like a bull-dog. Sgt. Stone will stand the
first chance in our Com., as he has been acting Lieut.
six month
and, has had charge of the company four month, and
ought to have it, he has recd only Sgts. pay, but has had to be to
extra expense. Mrs. Rusts boy is little better, she is a going
home just as soon as she can. We have fresh meat now three
times a week, which will give us two or three weeks each time
have good soft bread, good coffee, and with butter
I make it go very well we have potatoes once and awhile but
they are not very good, I prefer the bread, our cooks draw
some flour and make doughnuts every weak, we had them
last night and they were good too. Wm. Combs does the
cooking, and his wife who is out here with him, helped
him last night. We draw more rations than we need,
and sell some, and comute some, and draw money
which we expend in buying vegetable, we have had four
boil dinners of cabbage beets potatoes beef pork etc.
but often all things dont taste here as they used to, where your
fingers used to get in the dough, different spice entirely
from what we have here. I don't take the whiskey and
I dont believe I shall have the chills, but what the fire will
drain away. You want to see me do your will, I wld
like to see you I reckon, hold on a little longer. I could
have gone this week if I was a mind to I had the
offer of a furlough of 10 days. I shall wait another
month now. but keep up good spirits, hope for the
best, and all will come out right in the end. I sent you
some papers this week and Flora a bit of fancy