Camp Weld Feb 2

Dear Brother and Sister,

I have been in receipt of your letter for several days but have neglected to write because I have been out of paper and too busy and lazy to go for any. It is needless to say I was glad to hear from you for I have said it so many times.

It has become dreary up here and you know it is so. We are still at camp and waiting and hoping to go to the States and there is no doubt of that at all.

Start also in. It is very pleasant here almost as warm as summer by day with rather cold nights. I have just come off guard duty this morning, for though there is no enemy within fifty or six hundred miles of us, I wasn’t we have a heavier guard than the same number of men ever had on the Potomac and within sight of the enemy. The Colonel says he is bound to teach us our duty before hand so that we may not be behind any in that point. When the time comes for action, by the way, he is a splendid fellow and a gay and jolly one as Knickerbocker Ward says and has the good will of every man in camp. He was with the first Cot. Volts down in new Mexico and.