

SOLDIERS' HOME,

OPPOSITE CITY HOSPITAL, BEAL STREET,

Memphis, Tenn., January 28th 1864

Dear Mary I will try to write you a few lines but I expect my letter will be short we arrived here about 10 o'clock and our officers is trying to get transportation for us to Picksburg so I expect we will leave here this evening. The Soldiers Home here is one of the most pleasant places you ever saw it is a large brick building in the east part of the city with a large yard in front set in evergreens it belonged to a rebel who is now in the Southern army so Uncle Samuel has laid claim to it for the benefit of his boys I have just eaten a first rate dinner in it the best I have had from the government It is almost as warm here as summer I am writing out ~~docs~~ under a cedar tree and the boys are lounging around

on the grass. I feel perfectly well and would be very well satisfied if I could hear from home but that I do not expect until I reach the Regiment I have no news to write except that there is a great many recruits on their way to their Regiments. There was about nine hundred came down the river on our boat the people here think the Rebels are about played out. There was two boys belonging to a Pennsylvania Regt. came aboard of our boat yesterday who were taken prisoners by the Rebels about four days before but they manage to escape in the night and came to the river.

Nary this makes four letters in two weeks is not that doing pretty well for me? I want to prove to you that I will write as well I will quit for this time. ~~Yours~~

Yours with love G. H. Coulson