

Camp Randall
Barracks No 22 April 14th

Dear Parents

It is with regret
that I write to you to inform you
that I am a prisoner and confined
in in one corner of our Barracks
~~with~~ in company with about 14 others
12 from our company and 2 from
Co C, but I shall have to tell you
how we were arrested.

Last night there was a Theater up town
and the commander of the Camp
promised to pass all the soldiers
that wanted to go to it. I bought my
ticket and got a pass from 7 until
11 o'clock. 12 of our company got a
pass and went out. We got back
about half past 10 and went to bed.

When the roll was called last night those that were not here to answer to it were reported. the Col had us taken to his office and examined us and our sentence was that we were to be confined for those days and to do all the extra work about the camp. he then told the Captain not to present any furloughs for the men under arrest and that they should have no more passes to go up to town. Now I should think that there was gross injustice done us for we expected that we were doing perfectly right in going out on a pass from Head Quarters for only yesterday a man presented a pass to the Col. and he told the man that he would have to go to the Major to get it signed ^(the man that signs ours) and now he says that the Major has no right to sign passes. Now if I dont call that outrageous & inhuman then I dont know what you do call

it. ~~He~~ I have just dissected a letter
~~from~~ to the Major requested
to look into the matter and see if
he can help us out of the scrape
for I don't much like the idea of
being a prisoner. I was not as we
did not willfully disobey orders for
as I said before we all had passes
& if there is any one to blame it is
the Major and not us.

We received our pay yesterday \$12.25
if I do not get a furlough I will send
most of it home. Mr. Brown was here
yesterday morning and brought the \$10. that
you sent but I sent it back by him.

I am not very well to day and ought
to go to bed. Our sick is all doing
well. I have not written to Ed yet but will
soon. I got a letter from Jan he has
gone to St. Louis and expects to go up
the Missouri river. I sent my certificate
last week by mail. I am getting

tired writing and will close
from your son Fred,

Co. K. 36. Reg. Wis Vol Infantry
Camp. Randall.
Madison Wis

P.S. among the prisoners is Harvey
Brown. the man that ~~went~~ run for
captaincy of this company Ed. Nolan
& Rank. Cagswell.

This is a pledge that two thirds of the
company has signed.