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Mr. and Mrs. Leedz,

Your letter of the 8th of this month came to hand a few day ago, and as time and opportunity presents its self I will embrace the same and write you a few times, and let you know that I still exist on the land of the free and among the living. I say free but as the saying is it is in a horn [?], although this is now termed a free land it is far from free in my estimation. But if life and health is spared I feel as though

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I would be in the land of the free by the time an other [sic] year rolls into Eternity, this is now the middle of winter but it doesent [sic] Seem much like winter here this morning. It seems more like the time of year to plant Corn, but it has only got so within the last two days and, I, fear it wont last long. We have had some prety [sic] cold weather here this winter and lots of rain but snow has been very Scarce, and, I, am afraid I shal [sic] not get to sleighride much this winter. But I, Suppose you have all the sleighriding you want as I, understand Snow is plenty in, Ind. and since I, am not their [sic] you must think of me

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Some time when you are pleasureriding [sic], and that will do me in the place of a ride. I suppose their [sic] is some anxiety now in the Northern Clime, about the Draft that is to take place in next Month. I, suppose substitutes are in good demand, and, I, have no doubt but what they are a little scarce. -- I, have not seen the 44th boys for sometime. I, have not been over, and they have not been here, but I, intend to goover [sic] soon and see what the lads are about. My health is very good and the rest of the boys are well. Fred Woolford is at home now probbly [sic] you have Saw [sic] him. Write as soon as you get this and let me know how, you all prosper,

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Good.By.