Broad & Cherry Street
Philadelphia
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Dear Brother Arren

Mother is with me, she is stopping at the hotel not far from here, she says you are out to Uncle John's and I know you are getting along fine, for you must be a pretty brave boy by this time.

Mother is coming back to Winona in a few days.

Good by

Charley

Uncle J.C.

Mother desired me to write a few lines to Brother & knowing as I do that he is with you I take the liberty to direct in your name also to write a few lines to you.
Mother arrived here a few days ago, it surprised me very much to see her coming up the steps in this ward and first her companion. They have been distributing cattles to the wounded. Wind cake, jelly &c. But it is against orders and I think they had better do as all the rest do that come here, give to the Matron, they would not do that at first thinking the Matron would not give it to the 163 Min. boys. The Matron gives to those that she has on her diet book and the as soldiers that are wounded so bad they can't eat the regular grub that is served to us, so if a Min. boy happens to be on the diet book he will see the same attention.
that any bodies does All of the boys out of our Company are getting along fine. Most all in this HOSP are slighttly wounded only a few bad or as the Doctor calls them "interesting cases." They are drafting in the city now, no body attempts to resist the draft. There are about 7 or Patients in this Hosp, some 8 in this Ward. Mother & Mrs. Ely went out to Chestomute Hill Hosp looking up the nine boys yesterday, they found a good many names there and saw a good an many of the boys. Tell Brother Mother desires him to be a good boy untile she comes back. I thought I would write a few words so that he could read them, maybe it will please him.
I received a letter from Laird McCormick and he says that Aunt and Mr. Miller are down to Grandfather. Grandfather and Miller went as far as Harrisburg for State defense.

Nothing more at present.

With respect,

C. E. Gradura

Respect to Aunt and this block of Dept. Brother and Uncle.