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## Letter, 1861 November 28, Oscar D. Ladley to Mother and Sisters [Catherine, Mary, and Alice Ladley]

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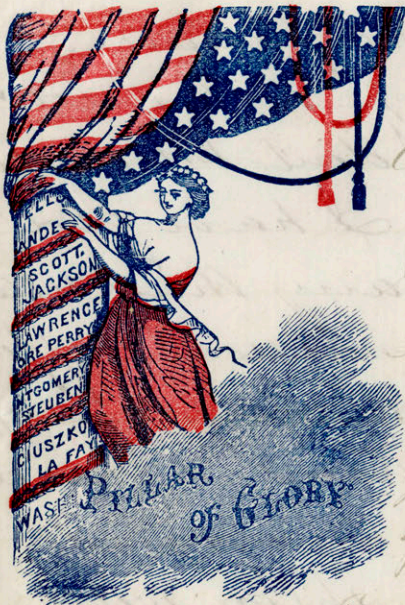
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Care of John W. ...  
Nov. 30 1861

Dear Mother & Sister,  
I received your letter  
yesterday and was  
glad to hear from  
you. We will have

a thanksgiving dinner  
given by the ladies. Doctland, we  
had turkey, roast pig, pigs feet,  
pies, cakes, Cider, and every thing  
nice, we did it justice, and we  
have enough left for supper. I  
have a pigs feet a little piece  
of turkey &c. You was speaking  
about a Swiss being at home all  
the time, well we got along very  
well I have charge of the Company  
and do it them my self, and  
we get along very well considering.  
{This is very bad ink} We have turkey

men in Camp at present,  
we are filling up rather slow  
seems to me, I don't know what  
will come of it. I have give  
up all hopes of any thing better  
than a non-commissioned officer,  
if the Company could be filled up  
soon I would stand a chance  
but as it is I am afraid  
we will have to splice with  
some other Company that is out  
yet full like ourselves.

For several days it has been  
very cold and disagreeable  
underfoot, but we have now  
got the Army Stove and it <sup>so</sup>  
keeps us very comfortable.  }  
this something of the shape of it.  
it sets on the ground, <sup>and is</sup> without  
a bottom. Our tents are in this  
shape.  the smoke issues from  
the top of the tent, the stove has  
no pipe.

Channing White, Tom Wilmers  
and myself have our tent  
at our side for the present.  
They are made to hold six-  
teen, all three of us are  
coming home together, I think  
in about two weeks maybe  
sooner I can't tell now.

It is so muddy that we cannot  
drill, so we just lay in our tents,  
read, eat and sleep.

I hardly know what to write,  
there is nothing of interest here  
in camp, until we get into  
active service you must not  
look for any very interesting  
letters, I would write often  
but we have such poor accom-  
modations for writing. I believe  
there is nothing more.

I am truly

O. Hadley.]  
My love to all!