Dear parents!

I received your letter yesterday evening and see to my joy that all is well. I for my part cannot complain as I am with health at all times.

We have an unusual climate down here. No snow yet (moreover, it rarely snows down here) and at the same time as the weather in Minnesota and Wisconsin is snow and biting cold at this season. Down here we have almost not seen frost or ice, and we run around in short-sleeve shirts during the day just as if it were midsummer. Augusta lies about 200 english miles from the Gulf of Mexico. Here there is a huge training area [parade ground ?]. In comparison Rindenlearet would be a little brook as against a large river. We had a brigade parade yesterday and today we were to have a division parade but it rained and so it had to be postponed until later.

We sleep in a tent and have a stove and floor in every tent. Next week Minnesota's Governor (Clough) will be visiting us and then there will be a parade and celebration.

I had a letter from Eau Claire yesterday and everything is fine down there. Cold and deep snow.

As this is the last letter I can send which will arrive before Christmas (possibly if I have time I can send another) so I will hereby wish you a merry Christmas. And be sure not to forget when you write to tell me what is going on and report to me all the news which you can think of.

Best wishes.                                          Andrew Lee

My old address to Eau Claire

Concerning the portrait which you say that I can send, I am very sorry that I cannot send any now as I have given away all which I had, so you'll have to wait until I take another.