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Dear Mary

I do not know that I have any thing to write that will interest you, but I feel like writing to you every day. Today I am on duty at the () quarter master's store house. I have fifteen men with me only five on guard at one time. I will have to be up all night as there is no other Officer but my self to attend to the men. There is shelled corn & oats in sacks piled up here as big as two or three big meeting house & bailed hay piled as big as two or three barns. There is army stores of all kinds brought here on the cars & it all has to be guarded to keep from being stole or some secesh mite come along & stick a match in to some hay & the whole pile get burnt up. You would think there was no scarcity of feed if you seen the hay corn & oats that is unloaded of the cars here. Some of it is used here & the Balance is hauled in waggons to diferent places.

I have just received a letter from Brother Henry. He says his health is excelent. It is the first I have had from him. You ask in your letter if we get enough to eat. We draw more meat than we use. We have all ways had plenty of coffee. The shugar falls short most every week. The boys when they went out on picket wasted some bread & some are such big eaters that it takes double rations to do them & some dont like hard tack & some want some thing better than the rations we get.

The soft Bread is baked here in town & is very good bread. The hard tack comes from Cincinnatti. So does our meat. We have had to buy a few loafes of bread at our tent. A five cent loaf will not more than make one meal for one man. Charly wrote that Mr Thomas said that Harvy Evans was sick in the Hospital. He was mistaken. I suppose it was Wm Evans the fifer. He was in the Hospital but he has got well.

There is two large Hospital tents fixt up very comfortable for the sick. Lounges for them to lay on. Stevans is sick now. Has the ague I Believe. He is all the one that is in the Hospital out of our company. Our chaplain got some things sent to him for the sick.

Wm Mitchel has done nothing since we came here. The rest of the Hanover boys all does first rate.