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Dear Mary,

I now try to write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting a long My health is better than when I came here The Boys are all well with the exception of colds It has rained every day since we came here It is cloudy this morning but I think it will clear off & be dry There is four companys of our regiment camped here Cap McKey, Johnson, Beard & our company. Cap Westbrook & France went to North Mountain eight miles from here under Major Thomas The other four companys went down to ward Harpers Ferry There is soldiers coming here and leaving here every day There is a six gun New York Battery here & four hundred of the 35th New York Infantry & one hundred of the thirty fourth Mass camped on the same field that we are There are all veterans and will leave here to day to join Siegal There is four camps in sight of this place The veterans will all leave here for the Front except some Cavlery There is no rebel force of any size close to this place that we know of but there is gurelies & horse thieves The Cavelry men attends to them They do all the scouting there is Over forty in prision here now There is a great amount of army stores here There is achers of ground covered with wagons mules and horses There is a bout thirty of our men detailed every day for sentinal a bout two miles from town They go out at eight in the morning & back at eight the next morning Then there is cars & wagons to load & unload & our cavlry captured a bout forty head of cattle since we came here and they are to guard. We have herd no war news two days No papers here since Saturday I am very anxiously to here how you are getting along at home I hope you are all well You must just manage as you think best You must write every week and tell me all the news I will write as often as I can I wish you would send the North american as often as you can There has no letters came here yet to anyone that I know of There has one hundred prisnors just arived here in town and they are to be sent to Wheeling & there is twenty-eight men detailed out of our regiment as guards to go with them I will now close as I have a very poore chance to write I will try & write twice a week. Well Cary you and Ettie must be good children and do what your Ma wants you to and when I come home I will bring you some nice preasent Give my best respect to all enquirring Friends

John Wickham has gone to North Mountain Direct your letter to Martinsburg Va one hundred thirty fifth Reg N. G. O. care of Co E

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Write as soon as you get this if you have not wrote I wrote one letter to you since I came here and I wrote one at Camp Chase but did not get it mailed Excuse this bad witting for I have a poor chance to write

So good by at preasent

John F. Montgomery