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Dear Mary

I received your letter dated the 21<sup>st</sup> yesterday I will now comense and answer allthough I do not expect to finish it before monday morning The cavalry that has been gathering here for the last ten days are leaving today with the wagon train There was one man got shot yesterday amonst them One of the men snapt a gun at him and the gun was loaded It is suposed he did not know that the gun was loaded He was shot through the neck - died in a few seconds He lived thirty miles from here Had come from home the day before. The ball pssed through his neck and wounded two more men So mutch for acting the fool I would have been glad to had you come to see us but I am afraid you would not have a verry pleasant trip It has got so warm you would have a long tiresome ride and the hotells are crowded here & they look kind of dirty ones anyway If I am blessed with as good health for the next fifty days as I have been for the last I would be verry thankful I feel so thanfull that you all keep well at home Buskirk has been sick but has got well Emmet has been sick for severl days Thinks he is some better The Doctor said he had the intermiting fever There is only two sick in the hospital neither one of them bad There was one youg man from company B that was taken to the post hospital that I supose will die. His Mother came to see him Steavens was delirous the most of the time after he was taken bad The Chaplain talked to him but said he did not know whether he was consious of what he said or not It is a poor time to prepare to die when we get sick Copper is all right now He is eighth Corporal I feel very sorry that Nancy gets along so poorly She was have to be patient and I hope she will soon be well It is likely all for the best that Wesly (?) did not come His mother keeps so poorly I wrote a letter to Brother Sam Find out if they got it and let me know There has been no rain here yet The overcoats that we bought we have not sent them yet We will write & let you know when we send them (The following letter is written on the back of the preceding one.)

Sunday Morning June 26

This is a very warm morning I am not on duty to day I would like to go to town to meeting but I will wait till I get that new blouse There is preaching at three oclock in camp Mr Ball is here to day from Newark You must be very care full how you put that medicine in the box for fear it gets broke Some caned fruit would be verry nice & some cakes I dont know anything els that I want but some money What I brought with me is about gone You may send me ten dollars if you can get it handy If you cant less will do I do not expect to spend that mutch but I amy see something I would like buy & send home You can send it in a letter