



Camp near Sharpsburg

Oct 21st 1862

Sister Kate

I thought I would
write you a few lines
this morning before
we go out on Picket
they are going to open
the Carroll again in
a few days & they
keep us here to guard
it, it is good business
I hope they will let
us stay here all winter
guarding. But if the
Rebs come and after
the Carroll we shall
have to fight them

& I dont likeem nor
will let them get a way
as they did Stewarts
Country. when they went
up into Pennsylvania
The Male come in.
to day. But nothing has
me only a litle from
Isaac Markham. there was
nothing in it only what
I knew all ready. Male
I am much obliged to you
for that likeness of yours
I will send you mine as
soon as I can find a masherⁿ
to take it with. When
you direct your letter you
may leave off the care
of Capt H. E. Smith. he
is no more Capt only
have the Co. on & it
will ~~congrat~~ as well
I had a litle from John

Recd the other day he is
at Frednok he is getting
a long pretty good he
sent for his Description
list so he could get his
money & Discharge. Our
pay rolls are all made
out & we shall get our
pay in ^{4 months pay} a least a month
We haven't had any rain
here yet But there has
been 2 or 3 frosty nights
But we have got our tents
& our coats & Blankets
& we sleep as warm
as Pigs, I should like
to know how the weather
is in Seattle about
these times till Chas
& Abby to get a lot of
Christmas & Beach nuts
red for May B. I shall
come home this winter

& if I do I want a Packet
full of Chestnuts to show
it is the greatest place here
for Chestnuts & small nuts I
ever saw & But nuts too there
is lots & gals of them

Does Mr Rusts folks have
any thing from Janis yet?
I haven't heard whether they
have heard any thing from
him since the fight, or not
(I haven't), till Pa Ganns Bushnell
is to be our Second Lieutenant as
soon as he is exchanged

& Butry is orderly Sergeant
Bash Starns is very sick I
don't think he will live

Old Harris & Sam Reed are
both sick (or lazy) they report
for duty (out of our Regt) 1500
150 men that is all there
is about 200 of us here sick
& all the 10th has doubt the
men that are here, But they
are the Darndest Cowards I
ever saw When there is a
fight they are on the Seadaddle
when the 10th are standing
up to the rack & fighting
like Blood hounds (ant that's
small it is) Write Love Matri^s
Adrian