

burned wood all & whatever
was & probably all the top wood
dead will rot & we will fall
back & try and live around
the old things as I don't
think you will trust me
to find wood & live with
top wood & many of them
are good in this country
and all there. It will make
you think well about a couple days
as we haven't done out as hard
and there is down to drill at our
old time. They have it for us
and you see we will
not have any difficulties
with them & that is what
we had when we were at

the Rapidan & we may be
able to get some here & come
out of the woods & bush & come
out in a few days

All right & here is what
I most want you to do

Camps of the 24th

near the Rapidan R.
Dear Sists Mat.

I will try and
write you a few lines to day
to tell you how have & each
I am we left our other camp
& day before yesterday morning
near a camp 11 o'clock & got here
at least 4 o'clock and Corps ha
rried the 18th Corps they
had been doing Picket duty
since a long time Rapidan and Corps
is doing Picket duty now, But
there has been a lot of our Regt been
detached for Picket yet But I
expect them will be soon. We are
expecting too to march every

day they keep giving us rations every day so that they keep the 8 days gaad yet. I think they are expecting a long hard Battle here as its a Skedaddle back for Washington. for I dont see why they should have us keep 8 days rations and hand while the teams are all kids & the cars running up here every day. there is something up that is sure. "I guess a rather Skedaddle for Washington" Well I have forgot to tell you how I am, I am sick I have got a trouble cold I got excused from duty to lay by the doctor. I dont know how I could get such a cold I am all Burged up We have very cold nights sun now I think it is colder now than it was last year at this time I have got a good

blanket & the same Overcoat I have got all the clothing & need But here is where the laugh comes in, I have got 8 days grub & no apitite to eat it I havent eaten any of those rations in 3 or 4 days what little I have eat I have caught up the dutts. I guess I shall get over this cold in a day or two now then I'll make the hord tack super again. well mate my head is too much Burged up for me to think of much to write this time so if it is not right ~~and~~ ^{other} mistakes "cause my head ~~other~~"

write soon well you
We are about 3 miles from
Rockoon ford

Well good after noon mally
sent you

(Oct. 1, 1863)

Well Mat I have Picked up
an other piece of paper so I guess
I will write a little more if I
can think of any thing to tell
you as you say if I could see
you I could find enough to talk
about. I am hopefull that I may
see you all in 8 or 10 months then
I will tell you lots of big stories
& small they will be true too.
I am sorry that Pa & ma are in a hant
in there is no use of that, I am just as
mell off when they dont worry as when
they do & they are a great deal better
off when they dont worry than when
they do I shall come out all right and
if I dont (as one of the Buck tales said the
other day when the Dackets was taking a
Ball out of his hip) says he it is
hard but what in the Devil are I here
for) we com here to die if need full.

I think we shall stay where we are untill
it is time for us to ~~go~~ into
Winters quarters so I dont think we shall
fight any more this fall But we cant
tell we may have to march in a day or
two & then have a snug Battle we cant tell
any thing a hant it only what we think

pal & can't write any more this time
So good Bye ^{visit} soon
& till all th rest to visit

Alois Lucy