

Fairfax Court House Oct 18

Kind Friends

To Day finds me ~~ix~~ at Fairfax in Good Health and fine spirits I commenced a letter day before yesterday but had to stop writing to go on parade I will try and finish this we marched from Arlington Hights a week age tommorrow through what I calla hard country If you was ever up at or near Stephens (?) Point Wisconsin you know how this country looks yellow sandy Soil Pin Oak openings now and then a few Scrub Sedar bushes the water is not verry bad though it is mineral or limey we had good wether warm days and rather cool nights we have plenty to eat if we had it cooked right or fixed up in any shape though we get along better than we did in all I guess I have not got the cook that I was used to have that is what the matter is I think I shall come out all right yet we shall stay here 30 Days and perhaps longer we are in about 40 miles of the Rebel lines I have seen some of them they pass here most every day under an armed escort bound for Washington they are sorry looking fellows I tell you the boys are all well Gustavus has been unwell but is smart now It has been the talk that we would be sent on the line of Pennsylvania But whether we shall or not I can not tell We are in General Caseys brigade under Seigel he thinks we are not drilled well enough to go to the field you get as much war news as I I presume the army is fixing of a general fight there is now within sight of our camp 8 or 10 Regiments and within 6 miles of us Seigel has 75,000 men under his command we think that we can do something for the Union if fighting will do it the soldiers are thicker than Black Birds how I should like to go up to your house to night and take supper with you but I guess I shall wait awhile Tell Micey(?) and Ina to eat a good big apple for me and just as many potatoes they are a mind to. Tell Sarah if you see her not to work out She wrote to me that she was going to Jim
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Take good care of yourselves I will write to you again Soon if there is any new or important movement in the army

Write to me yours

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