

Fairfax Court House Va Nov 1st 1862

My Dearest Sarah

I now sit down to write a few lines to let you know how I am getting along I am well and hope these few lines will find you all enjoying the same I just Received your letter dated Oct 23 and was glad to hear from you and to find you all well

Since I wrote to you before we have moved our tents about one mile into a piece of woods where we get good water the weather at present is warm the roads are dry we have not seen any snow yet I expect up in Franklinville the ground is covered with snow

The next day after I wrote to you before I was over to Fairfax and I saw seven Regiments of Infantry it means seven thousand soldiers on foot and about Eight thousand Cavalry men and about the same number of horses and Artillery waggons I should think the train was a mile long the Artillery consists of cannons and Powder each wagon has six horses to draw it all of these were moving towards Richmond

They say the Govoners of all the Southern States and the free States are in Washington for the purpose of talking the matter over and try to come to some settlement Colonel Rice of our Regt said that Lincoln told him that the war would close before the first day of March and all of the new Regiments would be sent home our Captain thinks we shall be at home New years I hope so

I got a few lines from Smith to day Horace got a letter from home Cardine wrote that Adelaide talked of getting you to help her a weak or so if you think best you can help her Smith said he had talked with your Father about your board he said your father wanted 12 shillings a weak tell him I will send him some money as soon as I get my pay When you write again let me know how Calleb Morris folks are getting along if Hiram Martin has has got to be Father yet I will send you some money I think we shall get our pay the first of the weak

We are about half a mile from Fairfax Court House it is a miserable looking place soldiers all around it it is Segles head quarters you said you got the sachel and the testament but we all got a new one give to us before we left Jamestown so I kept the new one and I sent the old one home

I have not heard from Edwin yet but shall write to him soon and to Olive I could not write because I had not got any stamps but I got nine to day in your letter when I get the money I will send for some more this from your affectionate Marion

I do not think of any more to write this time the place to direct your letters is to Marion Plumb Co D 154 Regt N.Y.S.V. Washington D.C. Care of Captain H. Cheney

keep up good courage Sarah and take good care of little Romain kiss him for me will you Sarah Marion

Tell your mother that I think of her and send my love to her