

Loockout valley Ten

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My dear Rhoda

I went over to the railroad station this morning about one mile from camp and found where I could buy paper for 40 cents a quire I got half a quire and then I went to the Christian Commission just established here and bought five stamps and they give me an envelope which I will send this in they furnish was with religious reading now and testaments and soldiers hymn books with out any charge

The station is now where we scermished with the rebs on the 28th of November when we drove them out of the valley without the losof a man and it is thought here that a strong picket on some of the hills would have ~~p~~ prevented a good deaill of the fight that nite

dear Rhoda I had to quit wrighting this morning and go out to drill but now the drill is over and I have had diner and will have to do no more tell dres poraid if we have no betalion drll now I am rong the ordaly just came in and saith that we will have scarmish drill at 2 oclock I have mot got that paper and hymn book that you air going to send yet if you mailed it when you did the letter and trybune I am afraid that they air lost

Rhoda I wish that you would buy a small half round file and send it in a paper rap it up so that it cannot get out and pace the rapper on so that it will not come of I want a file that will work in side of a ring and if we stay neer the river long anought I will make you lots of rings if you air not going to town you can send by some one else and you will please send me one doller in change Rhoda we have the nicest kind of wather here the sun shinds the grater part of the time and we have it like the plesentest days in Aprall for a weak at a time genearily freas ing at nite slightly