

Camp of the 11th M.C.
Foot Battery Light Art.
Fort Wheaton June 28th
1865

Dear Sister

Your very
kind and highly interesting
letter of the 22nd was received
this morning. I was glad
to learn that you are well
and improving your time by
attending school. I am glad
you ~~have~~ have so good a
teacher - I am in hopes that
by a steady and untiring
application to your various
studies, you may soon acquire
an education that will be of great
benefit to you - Since I
left home I have learned
the value of a good educa-
tion. When I look around
me and see how many of

brave warriors are unable
to write their own letters
(some not even their own names)
and are entirely dependent on
others for whatever knowledge
~~they~~ they receive of their friends,
it makes me feel thankful to
think that I can scribe as well
as I can. I do not know
as I ever enjoyed better health
than I am enjoying at present.
I have been very warm
and pleasant most of the
time since I have been
here - but it is rather
cold and blustering now.
There is no snow on
the ground and the roads
are as dusty as in mid-
summer. - There has been
no fighting here in this
vicinity - We heard heavy
cannonading off on the

James River, - It is reported that the Rebels attempted run their gun-boats down ~~passed~~ ~~on~~ ~~past~~ our batteries to City Point but our batteries disabled one and drove the other two ashore.

^{By} We can stand on fort Welch and see the rebel ~~en~~ campments very plain in front of this fort our picket lines are only a few yards apart. I wrote to my mother a week ago ~~and~~ yesterday. I sent her an order ~~to~~ on Mr Bisell for some money. If she sends me a box I wish she would put part of a ham in it - also a two quart ⁱⁿ "put". I wish she would send me by mail a couple of packages of envelopes and a quarter of a ream of the

best kind of letter paper. She
had better send them by mail
for they will come much quick-
er than they would ~~in a box~~ by
express. — But the box would ~~sure~~ ^{not}
come by express. — I have not
heard from Muel Lafayetle
since I left Hurd Island.
I ~~wrote~~ ^{wrote} to him a week ago
but have not received an
answer yet. — I wrote to
Aunt Olive while on Hurd
Island. — To us she receiv-
ed it. — Not knowing any more
to write this time I will close.
 Hoping to hear from you soon

Your affectionate Brother
L. D. B.
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