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**Letter from William McKinney to His Cousin Martha McKinney,
October 4, 1862**

William M. McKinney

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In the woods 5 ms from Mount-
Abernon-Castle County- Ky. Oct 4th 1862.

Dear Cousin Mattie.

Your's of the 4th inst
has just been received - but I have only
time to write you a note - as the mail
bag is now going through the Regt - getting
up the letters to take away. I want you
but a note from Louisville - and this
will be but a note. Left Louisville
on the 1st inst - have been on march
every day since - and columns of the
Army has been fighting some every
day - since the 1st inst - I was at
the battle at Perryville - our Brigade
was in it for a short time - our Division
had quite a fight for 2 hours at
Stonford day before yesterday. We have
taken a large number of prisoners
within the last few days -

I am still in good health -
though much worn out with
travel and exposure - I am now
suffering a good deal of rain and
cold nights. I have not yet
my traps yet - I hear that all
my baggage is stored in
Lewisville - so I will get
it sometime - though I need
them now. I am real
sorry I have not the time to
write you a long letter -
for I have ten thousand
things to tell you. I hope
to hear from you soon
again - though I have not
the opportunity to write
much to you - it is now
so dark I can not see
to write - now. Consider
this a letter and answer
it, I hope the time will
soon be when I can
write to a better advantage

Stun when going in
line of battle as we are
now. I do not know
whether we will follow
Bryce to Cumberland Gap
or not - I presume his
advance is already there
we are only fighting his
rear guard. The roads are
getting so bad. I do not
think we can go much
further with our trains
and artillery. We are now
80 miles from the Gap.
My love to all.

W. McKinney