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Yellow Springs Dec 25th 1862

Dear Brother,

I thought I would not wait for you to write this time. We saw in two days paper that ~~you~~ Sigel's army was marching back to Fairfax court House, thinking that you would not have time to write I would write my way. The paper did not say whether you were engaged in the battle or not it said that you were marching back. We received a letter from cousin Mary two days Warner was at Columbus and that he was coming to see us but he got orders to ~~come~~ go back to camp. but he said if he got another far enough he would come and see us. Kalaharr called too see us this afternoon

he looks very well his head has about
healed up he carries his head in a
sling yet he showed us the ball
that was taken out of his arm
he says that is all the trophy he
had of the war. This is ~~Christiano's~~
son but it don't seem like it
because we are not fixing for yet -
Cracky don't I wish you were going
be at home to morrow the bet you
would get a good dinner. I forgot
too tell you, Kalahau said that he saw
Shope in Dayton and that ^{he} could tent
look him in face and those that
were his best friends would not
look at him now. I guess he won't
try ^{the service} it again. As I did not finish
my letter last night I will this
morning (Christmas) it is a very still
Christmas there is nothing going on and
it is raining. Well I guess I will go
to Post Office and see if there a
letter before I write any more.

Well I have been to Office
and got a letter from you
I was sorry indeed to hear of your
hardships I think it strange why
you had to march down there
and wright back again. Well I
guess I will close for Mary wants
to write some on ^{my} sheet, I dont know
whether you can read this or not it is
written so badly. Yours Truly
Aldi

Dear Brother,

I expect Ma and Ally
have written you all the news if
there is any to write. But I never let
them see my letters ofur I write them
as I dont ask them to let me see
theirs. I think you had a hard time
on your march to Fredericksburg,
where were you blankets?
There is one thing I have often
thought about, when I hear of marches

that is do you always keep in ranks
and keep step to the music or do
"you just go along anyway?"

Have you had any more letters yet?

I have found out who sent me
my album, The "wood cutter"

School commences the 6th
of Jan. and I want to go awful bad
but guess I can't.

If you will come home New Years
I'll get you an awful good dinner,
though you can't I know. Don't
you think we could send you
a box of things now, couldn't you
get them? Gen Sigel looks very
different in the picture you sent from
the other pictures I have seen, but he
looks very determined. He is very young
looking too. This has been an awful
dull winter so far. I hope it will be
pleasanter when school begins. I do wish you
could come home, then you would
have those long marches. What has become
of Tom W. You have said nothing about him
for a long time. Yours affectionately Mary,