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In the woods 5 [mi] from Mount-
Vernon-(Custe/Curte?) County Ky Oct 4th 1862.

Dear Cousin Mattie,

Yours of the 4th inst has just been received-but I have only time to write you a note-as the Mail boy is now going through the Reg't-gathering up the letters to take away. I write you but a note from Louisville-and this will be but a note. Left Louisville on the 1st inst-have been on march evry day since- our column of the Army has been fighting some evry day-since the third-inst. I was at the battle at Perryville-our Brigade in it for a (short/shot?) time-our Division had quite a fight for 2 hours at Stanford day before yesterday. We have taken a large number of prisoners within the last few days.

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I am still in good health- thugh much worn out with travel and exposure-have new tents-a good deal of rain and cold nights. I have not got my Bags yet- I hear that all our baggage is stored in Louisville- so I will get it some time-thugh I need them now. I am real sorry I have not that 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 more. Consider this a letter and answer it. I hope the time will soon be when I can write to a better advantage

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Than (nibin?). Going in line of Battle as we are now. I do not know whether we will follow Bragg to Cumberland Gap or not. I promise his advance is already there we are (aug/ours/now?) 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.

(signed)

WM McKinney