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My Dear Sister I am yesterday I also recieved one from Pa by the same mail Pa is at Manticello on the New orleans and Jackson rail road My your letter found me in very good health also me enjoying good health hoping these few lines will find you and family all well. I wrote to Ferd a few days ago which I am in hope he will get for am anxious to hear from him, Sister I have nothing worth your attention to communicate to you this time I am at a loss to know what to write about but I will try and think of something Lieut Mims was over to see me this morning concerning getting me transfered to his company but I feel fearful we will make a failure but there will be no harm in trying, Lieut Boyd went a few day ago to counsel with the Col but at that time the Col said that he would not approve to decide ment of Ferd and finally said that he was opposed to transfer at this time that Lieut Boyd went to see the Col of the Calvary trying to break up the consolidation of our Regt and the 30th and hence that time has succeeded Probably there will be some chance yet our regt went out to drill this evening without being with the 30th there, that will be no

Excuse now I suppose I will know in a few days what can be done in reguard the transfer I do hope we will succeed for I am very anxious to be in the Dragoons and I know it would be much pleasant for you to have me join them. Every thing apears quiet along our lines a great deal more so than it was a week ago. I supposition is now that we will fight up here instead of going to Kentucky I have no idea what will be done but I hope and pray if we do have a fight that I may go through safe. General Bragg we getting reinforcements Every day from Mobile and Vicksburg I think by that he must be expecting to have A battle it is said that Rosencrans heavily reinforcements and Burnt Sides are coming up to Ohio river if that all be true we will have done hot work to do this summer Oh I do wish we could have peace without any more fighting for I am getting very tired of this war but if we have to fight here this summer I don't care how soon It will commence for I think the sooner we get at it the sooner we will have peace for I think there is good deal depending on the next large Battle if we can hold our own this spring I think it will be a good deal in our favor. Lastly we should get defeated it would only prolong the war. Sister Since I wrote S. Fiede I have drawn my money which came in very good time for I was entirely without. I drawed with A descriptive list

I will send Fred money to home by the first opportunity
[illegible] to not get my transfer if I succeed it my
transfer I will need all the money I have. My wound
is entirely healed up but my shoulder and arm is very
weak yet and at times hurts me a good deal but I
think it is cause by taken to much exercise. you have
no idea how glad I was to hear from Pa for it was
the first time I had heard from him since I left
home I wish Pa would be discharged for he is to old
to be in the service but I dont expect he will be. I
hope he will. I am very glad you have A prospect
for A good garden Oh how I wish I could enjoy the
benefits of your garden with you for I am very fond of
vegatables but have no idea I will get any of any
consequence this summer for there is a many troops
up here that the chance for buying will be slim.
I am very glad you happen to get your Bacon
as cheap as you did for that to be much to pay but
I am glad you did not have to pay any more
when you write let me know wheather Henry
Debardlaban got his [illegible] in or not, you must
write to me often for I am always glad to hear
from you I was very sorry to hear that Mannie
was sick I hope she is well. Tell Arthur and
Daniel they must be smart boys and learn to
read and write this year. I have not heard

anything from Cousin Peter since I left home
I wish I could hear from him. give my love to
Aunt Brack and Sallie and kiss your little children
for me so I will come to a close no more from
your affectionate Brother

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