[MARY LOUISA]

Camp near Knoxville
Aug 9. 1862.

Dear Sister,

It has been some time since I heard from you & several days since we heard from any one at home. We have left Knoxville Chattanooga as you see by the date of my letter. We have not been able to hear anything yet from Jim & Tom After we left Chattanooga for London as we expected our orders we countermand & we were sent on here. We are now ordered to Maynardville which is twenty miles on the road to Cumberland gap. We have to march over this road. We carry not a single tent. Crenshaw Jno. & self all combine & take one trunk between us. I wanted to send mine back too but they required of ~~us~~ the officers that their writing books &c be kept up so my trunk had to go along

The health of my men is improving. I write in haste as the mail carrier is leaving. I want you & Lottie Snodgrass to get together & make a flag for this Battalion. Let it be a common one & rather small. I have sent enough money back to pay for it if father received it. Send it the first chance you get. Persons are always passing. Of course I can have a staff made after it gets here.

Write soon. Yrs &c

B Hall Jr.

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