

MACK TO NAN

May 8th 1864 Sunday
Washington City D.C.

Well Nan now I will write you a Short letter hoping it will find you well and the rest of the folks. I am well and the rest of the Woodbridge boys are all well. well Nan there are about 20 of us boys went to the Capital to church to day. we heard a Methodist minister preach a bully Sermon there were a bout 4 thousand people there. Nan the Capital House is the nicest thing that I ever Saw it is all Solid Marble from top to bottom in Side and out it Covers about 4 acres of land Old Abe was at Church today I Saw him but he was about Six rods from me. there were preaching here in the barrack this afternoon there will be meeting here again at 6 oclock this evening. Nan there are lots of Christians in the army here. there are about 4 thousand soliders here now it is Said here that ther are ten thousand reble prisners on the way here now and also it is Said that there are ten thousand of Generl Grants wounded Soldiers on the way here I dont know how true it is. well Nan we drew our guns today. I cant think of much to write now I just wrote a letter to pap and Mother. well Nan I will quit for to night and finish to morrow

May 9th well Nan it is awful hot here it is as warm as it is in Mich at harvist time the timber here is all leaved out

Well we have just been out on drill I tell you it makes me Swet. there are not anything to be Seen here in the barracks but Soldiers. I like it first rate So far the boys are all well and harty. the night that we left Wellsville we got to Pittsburgh about 5 oclock they gave us a bully Soldiers Supper we left there about 8 oclock and got to harris burg about 6 in the morning there we got breakfast then we Started at about 8 oclock for Baltimore got to Baltimore at 1 oclock in the afternoon left Baltimore at 6 in the afternoon got to Washington at 1 in the morning So we are here yet the probability is that we will leave here in a day or two and go to Alexandry. our regiment that left Saint Johns Mich are here.

we will not be taken in to the front untill we drill 2 or 3 months. Nan I saw some Rebel Prisners yesterday they look kind sort Crusty looking Squits I tell you. Well Nan I will have to Stop writing for this time for I Cant think of anything to write. when we get to Alexandry I will write to you a gain Nan I cant Send you any address for you to write to me to be sure to get the letter. for this Company is not distinguished by any letter yet and we dont know where we will go to any Certainty. but they Say that we will go to Alexandry Nan you must not think hard of my bad writing for I have to write on my knee or Some other way the best I can. I Will Direct my letters to you to Steubenvill untill I get a letter from you. Give my best respects to Mr and Mrs Abbott, to Lydia and Gardners wife and family tell Mr Abbott to write to me Good bye from Mack to Nan

Note: This letter was written May 8 from Washington City, and the envelope is addressed to Mrs. Nancy A. Ewing, Steubenville, Jefferson Co. Ohio.

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