Dear Sister,

I received your letter a day or so ago, but as you were not prompt in answering as I thought I would just pay you back in your own coin so put it off until this day. And as we must have to take another tour of picket duty as they order tomorrow you will have to make this answer for eight or ten days previous. We are indeed on picket a great part of our time, in camp 16 days I am picket 8. I have written to a certain old maid in Sealing him by her own request I have waited patiently a month for an answer. I have as yet received none, so if you see her, just tell her for me that the next one I write she will perhaps answer.

You need not alarm yourself in regard to the tobacco interest as the gent with the spectacles was more other than her brother, so you see that I am posted in that quarter I fear no interference in regard to my investment. I may desire to make I am greatly surprised at Miss Finley managing for Davidson. I hear that he does nothing else but drink all the time. So her brothers & father must have seen him & consequently she must have known him wasthless she was I suppose the gay cardinals concluded everything before them I missing among a susceptible carriied heart by their dazzling changes.
you must have had quite a gay time carrying me up in the stage on your lap. I suppose he is quite a respectable boy as far as regards civility.

That done Mr. Paterson do us no good in regard to the substitute act. I now do he manage to keep out. We received our first installment of conscripts yesterday. I thought at the time the regiment were all thronging making all sorts of fun over them. That some of them would feel cheap if they should find some kino folk among the number, so I kept mine as a nice picture to myself. If I came walking along in the crowd, poor men! I pity them, they seem to think that the army is the last place in the world to have to come to. I can not reconcile the idea that this is to be their home until we shall have achieved our independence. But I suppose the revolution the justs idea when he said: his home whereas the heart is. Where its living pleasures dwell I love my cabin or join myself to the forest dwell in her name Call.

Patriotism is at considerable discount with them I only equals Confederate. I haven't. By the way I expect our Union will improve considerably owing to the recent legislation of our Congress. All hands to our noble Congress who do everything but save money with us in my true theme.
But I suppose they think that the Confederacy
is about played out in that thing which they
call talent. I do not think that it would
be advisable to expose themselves to the
full fate of the Yankees which they suffer under
fear, famine, and affection. But I think he
would be a fool indeed who would not be
able (if he had the power) to devise means for his
own safety. But the recent acts of Congress seem
to meet our general grievances. I mean the recent
faults finding: Expansion seems to be for once a
half pleased. I am glad to see the time of
The people is becoming more earnest and more
overshadowing. Nothing for freedom, I see
that open road clear. But look at our
mobilize army voluntary recruiting for the war
more the friend who shirk from their duty.
On the other hand, look at the Yankees offering
enormous bounties and getting in few soldiers
at that. Do not our enemies brighten from it
ever has been? God seems to be smiling upon
us. We can never be conquered, I think,
in such a war. I was even brave before.

The beginning of The East can now be seen before
the snow of next winter. Peace is visible
lasting shall smile sweetly upon us
and grant that my hopes may not be wrong.
But it is the general opinion in the army
that every mind to-day is fully relieved we will
move hence before July.
We have been having quite an interesting series of meetings lately. They still progress though they are conducted by Rev Mr Barker of Stourton, who is a very plain but I think good man. I hope they may be attended with good results. We have also had some interesting meetings of our association since my return. Expect to have the Rev Mr Sarge to address us in a week or so. All are gone to bed so I will close. I turn in too. May God bless you all. Yours Vs —

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