

Camp Smith near Corinth Miss

March 17th 1862

Dear Dear Mother,

In obedience to my promise in sister Sue's letter I will now endeavour to write you a letter.

After finishing Sue's letter the other evening I returned to bed in a house in Corinth with two others of our Company and after bathing ten or fifteen minutes went to sleep and was not disturbed until 2 o'clock next morning when we were aroused by the Adjutant of the Regt and told to put on our Caps & Cartridge boxes and with our guns in our hands we filed down stairs into the street and were commanded in a whisper to halt, we were then told not to talk over a whisper and to follow him (the Adjutant) we filed up town turning several corners (and I can tell you

we expected something in the way of a fight was coming.) well as I was saying we followed him until he halted us before a large brick house. three ten men (I among them) were detailed to go up stairs and bring down the ammunition which we did through rather hard work it was, as a box of 1000 cartridges weigh pretty heavily on one man's shoulders. Well we brought them all down and by that time the rest of the Regt had arrived so the cartridges were distributed among the men 40 rounds each, and then we were told to go to our several seating places and put them in our boxes and hold our selves in readiness to march in a moments warning but that warning has not yet come so we rested in peace the rest of that night.

Yesterday I was on guard in town all day so all the meals I had

was breakfast and supper. though
that is faring pretty well for a
soldier. I ate my breakfast quietly
and passed the day in the same
way. but about five o'clock I was
relieved from duty, and went immedi-
ately to the Linsington Hotel and
after washing myself and putting
myself in trim I went into the
Parlor where I was introduced to
a young lady, in whose company
I passed most of the evening
very pleasantly and then went into
the dining room where we had a
very nice supper. (and I do believe
she thought I was going to
break a famine. after supper I
stayed in town enjoying myself
very much until near nine o'clock
when I had to leave for camp
where I arrived in safety just
before order was called.

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after noon we had to go to bed where
we all remained until our throats
were sore, when we were allowed to
answer to our names again
after that we had breakfast after
that I was detailed on guard
duty. when I will remain twenty four
hours, which time will extend until
eight o'clock tomorrow morning
that is I will serve two days
on duty and four hours off.
I had duty and the previous
duty and the hardest part of
a soldier's life. I am not now
as on duty as I will remain this
letter from other times as good
bye for the present.