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Camp on Polovar Heights
Sept 10, 1862

Dear Wife

I will again write you a few lines as I have rec^d the good news that mail will go out at 12 1/2 oc it is now noon and my letter will be shot We are in the same position as when I last wrote and hard at work. I have just got in from labor with my Co. We have been falling Trees. I have heard nothing from ^{those of} my company who were left at Ft — one of them who was detached on the Big Guns was taken and has been paroled he came in here yesterday but knew nothing with regard to the rest. My health is good and as I have no Lieuts I have a plenty to do to take care of my Company & Books & I presume it will be some time before I will see them again with us — I have heard nothing from home for 1 week and nothing from you for nearly two weeks and as communication is stoped between here and Washington I don't know as I shall hear from you very soon. I understand that our mail goes out by way of Wheeling We hear no news here at all as we get no papers nor letters, and we don't know when or where battles are fought unless we can hear the roar of the Cannons and then we have to guess at it and as we now