

Camp Douglas
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Dear Maria

I have just written a letter to J. P. Jewett and as I have my hand in will write you a few lines but you must feel ^{act} back if my letters are short for but little of interest transpires here it is one thing over and over day after day but occasionally some little thing takes place which is new I am again in command of the Company as our Court Martial adjourned for another week. We did not adjourn because we were out of business for there are some 10 or 12 Cases on hand to be tried but for some other reason not known to me I was on guard once last week and expect to come on again tomorrow ~~again~~. Broeth is on to day and Sherman on yesterday we have all the guard duty we wish for and the men are obliged to be on 24 days per week and be very diligent at that Col Starnord is now here and says we are to be transferred to the Eastern Department in a few weeks but we will probably remain here till the Rebs are exchanged or paroled and sent away