Sunday April 26th 1863

Maria

It is now three days since I have written you and had I wished I could not have written you before as I have not been off duty for three days till last eve I was on picket one night and on the afternoon and night of the 24 we were kept as a reserve while Gen Corchran made a reconnoissance in force with about 15,000 men we went abt 4 miles from here and joined abt 15,000 and all lay in rifle pits while he was out and some longer. He found the Enemy in some force and drove him back a mile or more, captured a few prisoners and returned with the loss of abt 50 killed & wounded I dont know whether any thing was accomplished they desired or not. We came home at midnight through a very deep mud and rough Country and it was with difficulty that we found our way. I got a few hours sleep but was put on in command of a labor party to work on fort early yesterday morning and I was some what tired last eve and glad to lay down and sleep as you may imagine. And the Adjutants voice did not sound very good this morning when he came around

Apr. 27th Maria Mr Wen paid off this morning and in a few days I will send you a receipt for $100.00 which with your mom on the back will board at any Bank, I will also send you an order on the State treasurer for $40.00 which you can

Mr. Wen reg. is to be put into a Brigade with 4 or 5 others to be a Reserve and I presume we will be sent down near the City in a few days we will be under a N.Y. Col.

Val.

send to him, and state on what Bank you desire a check in a letter sent with it we were pd to Mch 1st so there is still due me nearly two mos pays

Send me a few Stamps Val