

No. 11, 9<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Regt -

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Dear Maria

As I finished my letter a few days since, we were about starting to the front, the Advance was only a reconnaissance, to ascertain whether or no, the Enemy were in this vicinity - we only went out eight or ten miles but found nothing of them & returned the next morning. Yesterday I made my report to Col Jordan of all that transpired during the time I was in command and he told me he had complimented the 9<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and myself for our actions on the 2<sup>d</sup> and since but the Artillery Officers were contemptuous and I think an Capt will be court-martialed. The Enemy no doubt intend to capture the whole Regt and admit this disappointment we have got about 45 - missing - 13 were wounded and five killed - I came within two inches of getting hit in the head and many balls passed very near me I am thankful that my life is still spared - I am now occupying an old salt house for my bed room and am as comfortable as could be then are a thousand little incidents that I might relate - but my time is now limited for seventy more new recruits - arriving day before yesterday