

Camp Douglas

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My dear Maria

I now take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines will find you in the enjoyment of the same great blessing. It is now Tuesday and I should have written to you last Sunday but as Mr E B Rounds arrived here on his way from Wis - to Vt. I went down to the City and attended Church with him & wife. After Church we went back to his nephews and had dinner and Mr Rounds came up to Camp with me but I could not succeed in getting him passed in to see the Rebels but he got a sight at them through the cracks in the fence. he intended to start for Vt. that night and perhaps he will call and see you when he gets home. He was somewhat disappointed in not getting inside but the rules are very strict and no citizen is allowed inside except in case of sickness. To day is a very pleasant day and the sun shines out brightly. we have had a very hard rain storm for a few days just and it seems good to once more see the sky unclouded. I am now in command of the Company again for a few days as we have adjourned for one week and I have made some alterations to day I have reduced one Corporal on account of bad conduct and appointed one in his stead. I have also confined one boy for trying to get others to desert.