

Mapost N.C.

Jan'y 15th 1864

My dear Maria

I fear you won't think me so good when you see that there has four or five days paper between letters but when I tell you that I have not had a letter from you since the three came together you won't think me very bad —

Francis Bellrose has got back to the Regt he was at Swanton but did not see you, he came up and saw me and told me many things of interest about S — How does sergent Meigs get along I hope he has not got the Consumption — Since I last wrote I have been up to Newton and stayed over night bought me a pair of Shoulder Straps — Capt. Bogle & a few other things. I went out to Galt's Creek ^{also} where Jewell is and saw the crowd who come in there & trade from outside our lines every 4 days