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Dear sister I recd your letter this last week I was glad to hear from home I had been looking for a letter a long time and it seemed to be just the thing it had all the news that I could expect you need not be alarmed because I am in the hospital for I am better off here than in camp on the ground I was sick when I came here but I feel very well can walk out as much as I please I'm not very stout and get tired very quick I dont know but I am as well as I have been since july but I kept along with the rest and done my duty the same as the rest marching and working I came here the 20<sup>th</sup> Jan I shall have to stay till the Dr gives me a discharge from the hospital you think the 9 months men dont get pay regular what do you think of the 3 years men that have done all the fighting and marching and chopping and digging and got to do it 2 years longer and been without pay 7 months and 10 days and only got 4 months pay then at the end of this month there will be 4 months due Wessells old Brigade