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the war will be ended in the course of six months
but I fear it is a vain hope for those cowardly grey
backs are in terrible earnest and judging from
what I have seen with my own eyes if our soldiers
went into it with as much earnestness, the war would
have been closed at the first battle at Bull
Run. But I get tired enough to hang my tongue
of what has been done and is going on or on every
and only such a general about it this and why didn't
do that and why they don't put some on either side
place. And I only wish that they all had to
serve out here as a high private.

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day crossing Mt. Heights from South Antietam for
a distance of 8 miles. The road was terrible hot
and a terrible pass over the Mountain taken
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South Antietam where we have laid since the battle.
Some mornings I took 20 of my men to the Surgeon.
We left Concord with 1200 men and boys (Aug 25)
we have over 20 for duty the remainder spent our
killed our sick and wounded. The Regt had ten
hundred and fifty officers and all of them were
spotted a little over six hundred. But it is a fact
to be lamented that many of our soldiers fell
into the grave for want of a little care and attention
when first taken. We had an excellent Surgeon but he
has no sympathy for the sick unless they are so they
can hold up their head as for myself I am happy
to inform you that I have not lost a meal of vittles
since I left Concord the only trouble being to get
enough to satisfy.

Friday the 3^d we passed
Reister and I would like to see if had you seen Burdick
Army drawn up on parade with every bit of snuff
polished and glittering in the sun and then heard
the cheers as Old Abe, W^o C. Callan, Burdick,
and other Staff pass in front and rear of each
column on my General Stairs and as a high
pennant for good behavior.
I rec'd a letter from B. and Mary last Sunday

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sergeant and am obliged to devote all my spare time
to study and I had nearly forgotten to say that
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(M^r Sawyer) and our 1st Lieut ^(Senior) has had the use of but one
hand as he had one of his fingers shot off The Capt (Bobbitt
J. W.) being senior has many higher duties to perform
The 2nd Sergeant is sick with a fever
I also recd a letter from Peby Warden in Georgetown He is
sick with a fever and seemed to be very much discouraged
and wanted if possible I should call on him which I should
if it were so I should write him to day
I have not seen any of the Vt Regt yet I would like
to know what Briggad the 10th is in Cash has been
in our vicinity but we are not allowed to leave camp
without leave of Gen Nye I should like to see him
very much also those in the 10th and other Regts and
hope you will inform me when any of you write as near as
you can where they are Now dear Brother write me often
and all the news and about the farm what price you get
land you are at work on &c Give my regards to Mrs
Crocher's people and all enquiring friends Write again
soon Love to all your self brother

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