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Friday Morning Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1862

We are still here I have been waiting for the mail to come it came but not a thing for me. Our Suttler took part of our mail expecting to get here before the mail but he has not got along yet When he comes I guess I shall get some letters and papers I want Mary to write me as often as she can I want her to send me out a yard of stout elastic a quarter to a half inch wide you can put such things in a paper well enough One of our Co. had some dried apples come in a paper yesterday If you will take one black pepper and put it in a letter It will be very acceptable yesterday morning scouted around the country some got some corn and made some homony by cutting up the corn with

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but not seriously I can say I have heard the shells whiz over our heads one came so near that we all just on our knees A solid shot struck a few rods above our Reg. and plowed the ground for some little distancy 12 o clock The firing has stopped and we shall probably resume our march I may have a chance to write more before I can send.