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My Dear Sister

Yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst  
came duly to hand day before  
yesterday together with a letter  
from S. I was right glad to  
hear from you again for it had  
been a long time since your  
last and to hear too that you  
and all were enjoying your usual  
health although others in your  
immediate vicinity were being  
afflicted by both disease and death  
It is my only hope that you may  
all be spared from sickness and  
death until until peace is de-  
clared and that I may enjoy  
the presence of the Home Circle  
And my hopes are encouraged as I

hear of the receding and  
diminishing forces of the once  
powerful rebel Army Every day  
brings encouraging news although we  
do not get it here until it is quite  
old in other places

Gen Strye returned from Knoxville  
Tenn to day, bringing us the good  
news that our Regt with all other  
troops belonging to the 9<sup>th</sup> A.C.,  
will proceed no farther towards  
Knoxville, but will remain here  
until they receive orders to go  
East and join the rest of the Corps  
at N.J. under Gen Burnside, which  
we are daily expecting. This is truly  
gratifying news although we do  
not know when we may be sent  
when we get there, but expect on  
some grand Expedition South  
Again we will know that it will  
be much more pleasant than  
huddling through the mud

Mum (Mum) How are you Major I am with you daughter

Will this my day, I wish you at the times

to. K. at this cold season  
of the year, All other troops are  
ordered to report to K, as soon as  
the roads will permit, some  
have already commenced their  
march. The winter during the  
the past week has been very cold  
so much so that we have had no  
drills and the ground has been  
frozen three or four inches below  
the surface, but today it has  
changed and it has been quite  
warm and very pleasant although  
it snowed a very little early this  
morning, It is much warmer this  
morning and very pleasant and  
seems as though that I should enjoy  
a good sleigh ride if I were at home  
Tomorrow morning we shall be  
awakened by the booming of Cannon  
in honor to Washington's birth  
day, thirty four guns from each  
of two batteries will be fired

which are stationed but a  
short distance from but annual  
hundred but about us, on a  
high Bluff, Stammers and  
Gun Boats still continue to pass  
to and fro, bringing in a goodly  
supply of hardtack ~~and~~ coffee  
but they will have to stop as soon  
as the River falls and then our supplies  
will have to be brought the overland  
route Capt. Stone is still sick  
at Home in N.H. and there is no other  
officer in the Co but myself, there are  
no Co in the Regt - but what has more so  
you can imagine that I have a little  
something to do Tell Helen that I  
think of her whenever my tobacco pouch  
gets empty which is often Tell Marc  
if W.C. was not about of stationing I  
would send him some and that I  
will give him a good thrashing when  
I get back Remember me to Elvira  
and all enquiring and write soon and  
after much love to all with a particu-  
lar share for yourself and a kiss  
for Stella As ever your affectionate brother

Via  
Derlington, Ky. Lieut - Cornely Co 19<sup>th</sup> Regt N.H.V.  
C. W. Wither