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Camp of the 115th  
New York Vols..

Dear Cousin

I received your letter of the 2nd this morning, and assure you it was received with pleasure. as indeed have been all its predecessors. So you think me "unfortunate" do you? Well do not I beg of you. pitty [sic] me. for I can bear any thing better than that. The fact that a 1st. or Orderly Sergt cannot be detailed away from his Company. but proves the more emphatically his importance. or rather The importance of his position in the Company. I have one advantage over the other Sergeants ( and Commanding Officers too as for that) Vis -- I do not have to go on Picket. or leave Camp unless the Regmt goes, then of course all who are able must go. And by the way: we were called out to day. Yes not withstanding its being the Sabbath: the left of our line was attacked, but it did not amount to much. though. they may try it again before long. We have to fall out under "arms" every morning at three o clock in order to be ready for them. should they "take a notion" to attack us. I think they would meet with a warm reception if they should. Do you think it wrong to write letters on the Sabbath? There are those who do. I think it depends somewhat upon circumstances: for instance if I were at home and not exposed to any real or apparent danger. it might be, but here in the army where a bullet (or some other hateful thing) may at any moment send you out of existence. and into the unknown world. I claim that it is not and that I have a right to write. In one of your letters. you remarked that you hoped you would never see my name among the "missing." Granting. that it might give you pain to see it there. still would it not be better to know the worst. than not to hear from me in so long a time as to cause anxiety and never know where I am? I thing so: and want to know when any of my friends are killed, wounded or missing. Of course I would rather not hear of their being so unfortunate. but if it must be. want to know it.

I was sorry to hear of Grandma's accident . Hope she may recover.

What Poetry does give "Little Mac" a pretty good Hit: It is well you put in that saving clause ab "Men" being "depended upon." I received a letter from Brother Rog. the other day. It seems He conducted himself in such a manner. during Sheridan's operations in the "Valley" (in his capacity of Hospital Steward of course) as to fain the approbation of the Div Surgeon who subsequently was appointed Inspector (Judicial) and took Rogers with him in the office to do his writing, which Rog says he finds very easy and comfortable position. He is at Winchester, Va. and says he owes his position. to his attending to his "Biz" while in the field. Yours afft L.M. Loper  
(Write often)