

Burgessville Sept 29 1862

My Dear Cousin

It is with pleasure that I take this opportunity of informing you how I am getting along one week ago last meeting Allen & I was sent to this village to attend to the wounded soldiers in the hospital since then I have not seen any of the boys in our company it was very lonesome at first but I have got completely used to it I like it a great deal better than I did in the regiment our pay is increased from 15 to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars per month we get enough to eat our rations are bread and crackers rice beans coffee beef and we can get soap and candles when we want them we do not eat one ~~half~~ half of what we draw " Allen and I have 18^{or} wounded rebels under our care they get well used I can tell you they have the

~~—~~ very best of care they all think a
great deal of the sutlers of Burgetsville
they furnish them with clothing and
beds and delicacies such as peaches - pears plums
jellies butter milk pies cakes and in fact they
are well used for rebels they say they are
a great deal better used than we are when
they take us prisoners and I believe that
myself I wrote you about the battle of
Grant's Gap of Stone Mountain I
wrote you to day but the number of
killed and wounded I did not have
right the loss of the rebels was
about 2 thousand in all killed wounded
& prisoners our loss in killed & wounded
did not exceed 2 hundred their is about
four soldiers to one man in this place
Soldiers I mean the sutlers are almost
all union since the rebels army went
through here I have the food to carry to
the wounded and seeing they are all desert when
the ladies send pies & cakes sometimes they will

a piece freeze fast to my fingers & in such
a case I cant give it off till I bite
it of bit then it dont do the Kees any
good I can tell you I wish you could
only see the peaches that etten & I have an
hand in the barn when we sleep I am
on duty one fourth of the time to resist
prisoners & release us at 7 o'clock at
night etten & I release them in the morning
~~at 7~~ then etten & I release each other
every to or three hours through the day
so you see we do not have it very hard
we get big pay for such labor as we do
I do not know as I shall see my Regiment
again or not I like this place well
there are three stores 2 churches and so much
I can say for this place there is not one
stave in the whole place so every
thing goes off pleasant the citizens
of Bunkittsville are truly a cristian
people you no doubt have read much
of the war in Maryland the
battle of Antietam

before this reaches you the County fair
I suppose will be past this much I can
say if it is not past and you go I hope
you will have as good a time as you did
last fall as far as I must be content
with the fair of attendant in the hospital
but if you do go of ~~some~~ thing I am
very sure you can not help to
think of the happy time we had
their last fall: Bit enough of this

the nail goes out in ten minutes
and I must close write so as
Direct as you did before this
is a mail running from the Post
to this place twice a week
except this unconnected letter
from your affectionate Cousin

John M. Loring
Write as soon as you can
write all the news good by
Yours Truly
John