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Camp near Knoxville Oct the 29th 62

Dear Ma as I have much
opportunity of sending you a letter
I thought that I would write you
a few lines I received your letter
day before yesterday you do not
know how glad I was to hear
from you and to hear that
you were all well I am well
and have been ever I wrote although
I have seen a hard time we have
marched about 600 miles some
time ago things to write
some times we had to go to charge
on the charge sometimes but we are
getting a plenty more we have
had to do the little fights on every
way but I have not had a sword
yet and I hope that I never
will I am very sorry to hear
that General Sweenys army was
cut up so but I hope that it is
not as bad as we heard we heard

that this army was at it all
power that they were to
one of our men killed to see
the enemy & hope that is not
we shall a very heavy snow
day before yesterday we had
a tolerable hard time then
we had to be out without
any tents but we have got
some now & behold that you
think that strange to hear
now this soon I don't know
more we will go to see here soon
we will go to see here soon
we will see some things there - we will
go and try to take possession
of all the winter quarters.
I hope that we will get half
of Mississippi & am very glad
that to hear that the children
are going to school I wish
that I was there to go with them
you must send some presents

perhaps that I will have
a visit as you have been
before. I am sure I can
As our friends is going home to
get clothing for the poor
and you will have a list
of sending them. I will you have
with I have - I have 2 pairs of
trousers & over shirt & under shirt
& pair drawers & pair socks 1 pair
blankets 1 pair gloves ^{and} cap and
& colored handkerchiefs. I have
nothing more in your collection
from B. J. Garrison