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Winchester Jan 30th
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Dear Sister

I received your letter dated the 21st today & as I have nothing to do will answer it.

We left Romney on the 23rd & marched 28 miles to Sacapum bridge, where we halted for the night, by day the next morning we were again on the road & marched to this place a distance of 21 miles, so in the last two days we have made about the distance of 49 miles the longest & most disagreeable march we have made since we were in service. The day before I left Romney I wrote you a short note, but fear you will not receive it as the mail between this place & Wash is so irregular in which I gave you an account of the disposition of the troops for the winter. General's brigade goes into quarters near this place, Springs Andersons & the other northern troops at & around Romney

Have them, as of all the miserable holes in creation Romney takes the lead.

But as I promised to give an account of the whole trip why not begin at the beginning. After getting back from the day's expedition at Martinsburg, of which I told I gave you an account, our brigade was quartered about 4 miles from Winchester after staying there one day our company was ordered to report at headquarters, we staid there four days until Springs troops got in where we were ordered, ^{on the second day} to take the Romney road, we went on the Romney road until we came to the Cross Roads, where we took the road to Bath the County seat of Morgan, here we joined the regiment again when we got to Bath (the militia during the Gaule's slip thru) our company was again detached from the regiment & put in charge of 25 or 26 prisoners, we were quartered in the Court House & had a very pleasant time as we could take a warm bath wh

Barrow's (on site) at Morefield (a
small town above Rowney) Gen. Mearns
(tia) at Martins Cross, the cavalry at
different points on the border, & the Lib-
erty Hall Volunteers near Headquarters
at Winchester. So at last the army of
Jackson is in Winter Quarters. The very
best of the Sweetwater troops to get in
though just "better late than never".

Our company are in tents just
now, until a house can be procured, just
yesterday evening thinking that we would have
to put up tents & feeling very tired (as of
course I would be) & the greater part of
the occupants of my tent being sick &
looking a great deal like snowing, I con-
cluded I would try and get into a house
in which I succeeded & very glad I
did, as the ground is covered about
two inches with snow this morning.

Living's army are very much dissatisfied
with being left at Rowney & I cannot

mean me pleased, for the Beasley spring or
situated there, which are owned by Stuart
The father of Porter Boyson, as Porter is an
engineer in the 13th and his property
was taken by the soldiers or in the winter
town passed & as the passing was seen
and allowed & passed some things may be
& have some very pretty pictures & other things
which I got out of Porter's study. Bath
is a very pretty place, though small it con-
tains some elegant buildings the houses
around the springs are very fine & long
to give you an idea of the size of one of
the spring buildings, they quartered all of
Jackson's brigade containing fine regiments
to it in & there was plenty of room
while at Bath Jackson took down the
Baconson bridge & then a few shells were
threw a small town on the Newry side
side of the river. After knocking around
there a day or so we came back to the
roads in care of the prisoners, whose

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as this one is burnt & worn out to
gather, but am in no hurry for one if
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a little at the foot but I can wear
my pants in my boots every day & put
on my new pair Sundays, so I can do
very well in that line, as for a hair
brush at Horny I got so dirty but have
changed for three weeks as my baggage is
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under clothes shirt drawers stockings
so I am pretty well off except the
coat, my boots needed a half sole so
I got a shoemaker to put on one but
this morning I see they are better a
little in the side but I will have a
patch put on that so I can get along
very well. Oh I forgot my hat, well

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houses were around. I went & called boys
down shot down & left lying some men
was shot whilst he was making shoes in
his house & the house burnt down him
altogether, his wife & children begged the
boys to allow them to take his body out
of the house before they burnt it, & a
poor old woman who lived near them
may had her house burnt down & when
she asked them to allow her to save
some of the things, they told her to take
out whatever she pleased, she took
out some bedding & an old clock
after the house was burnt they set
fire to the things which she had
taken out & burnt them up too.

Hampshire county is just a wilderness
now, you see only ashes, where a few
months ago beautiful houses stood.

The rest I have already told you
& now as I have given you all the
particulars, I will give you a history of

you can tell how you got. I say he
cheated me in that as I never it on
in less than three weeks, but I got my
self a very good copy, which does very
well. But you can send me a blanket
or something of that kind, I don't know
either as we are going into a house
whether or not I will need one but if
I do I can write again. You think
perhaps that it is about enough in the
above line so I will stop. About 16 of our
company are more or less sick John
Lightner has the Pneumonia very bad,
has been delirious over a week, do
not think he will get over it, none of
the rest are seriously sick, If you can
find out any of the Burgers names
& write their names, probably I can
find them but as the place is rather
large I do not know, I was surprised
at finding so large a place, it has
about 8 or 10 thousand inhabitants.