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Fortress Rosenkrantz. Near
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Pistol Line

Nov 28th 1864

It has been something over a week since my last letter home. so I will send a few lines to let you know that I am all right. We have moved our camp some since I wrote before we were camped about as far on the other side of the town, before as we now are this side, which is most a mile. we are camped now inside of the old fortifications. & I tell you it is a strong place. some poor Union Soldiers have done an off the sight of work here sometimes. I suppose there has been some pretty hard fighting done around here some time, and the country shows it too as well as the Grave Yards around the town, old cannon balls of every size & shape & old broken bayonets & guns. &c. &c. ¹⁵⁷to be picked up every where in any direction.

And from the preparations now being made we might almost think that there was a chance ~~it~~ for some more fun yet, but what it is we don't know anything about when we came here there was only part of one Regt here besides us. & within four days there has been three Regts come in here. & the pickets have been doubled & every man is kept in readiness to be called upon. there is somewhere near nine thousand Soldiers here inside of the fortifications. & I think if old Hood should see fit to give us a call we could give him a pretty warm reception, with ready arms & we have some big old pieces laying up on some of our Embankments that can speak with an off hand voice when it is called.

24th fellow. We have had awful wet weather
since we came here ~~there has not been more than four~~
days that it has not rained & some days steady & fast
all day. The inhabitants say it is a very unusual
wet time even for this country there was one or two
days pretty cold but generally it is very warm
now it is very comfortable in our tents without a
fire. that is more so without than with. the tent I
use in is a teepee. six of us got some poles & took
our pieces of shelter tents & made in a nice wigwam
we have a little stove in it & I tell you it is a big
improvement on the shelter tents.

Our quarters will be ready for us in about three or
four weeks. I suppose you are having cold weather
& several feet of snow up there now. While here it is
comfortable to sit out doors & write.

I have not seen any of the other accounts yet
since we came down here. I should like to ~~hear~~
hear across some of them. Is Sam at Suedling
yet. I wonder why he dont write me a letter some
time. I am sure it would be his since I have heard
from him. I hear that Morrison is building up
fast now, who is investing there now. I suppose
if I should go in there on the Steamer I could not
find my way out to go home. What has become of
D.C. & Milla's? I hear nothing of them lately. He is
upon me hear a great many reports about the war
at Hood's & Sherman's army. I have heard of
Lynn's not fleeing that he has been but I don't
know how much of it is true. I should have like
to have a hand in one little skirmish with the

Fortress Rosencrans
near
Murfreesboro, Tenn
Nov 28th, 1864

Sister Ina,

It has been something over a week since my last word from home. So I will send a few lines to let you know that I am all right. Mr Larr moved our camp some since I wrote before. We were camped as far on the other side of the town and are now on this side which must be a mile. We are camped now inside of the old fortifications and I tell you it is a strong place. Some poor Union soldierers have done a awful sight of work here sometime. I suppose there has been some pretty hard fighting done around here and the country shows it too, as well as grave yards around the town. Old cannon balls of every size and shape and old broken bayonets, guns, etc, etc are to be picked up every where in any direction and from the preparations now being made we might almost think that there was a chance for some more fire yet, but what it is we don't know anything about. When we came here there was only one regiment here besides us and within four days there has been nine regiments come in here and the pickets have been doubled and every man is kept in readiness to be called upon. There is some where near 9,000 soldiers here inside of the fortifications and I think if old Hood should see fit to give us a call we could give him a pretty warm reception with ready arms and we have some big old pieces lying up on some of our embankments that could speak with an awful voice when it is called upon. We hear a great many reports about the movements of Hood's and Thomas'es army's. We have heard of several towns not far off that he has burnt, but we don't know how much of it is true. I should kind of like to have a hand in one battle skermish with the old fellows. I hear that Morristown is building up fast now, who is investing there now? I suppose if I should go there on the stage now I couldn't find any way out to go home. I sent five dollars in my last but I would not send any more the mail is very uncertain between here and Nashville now the guerrillas are tearing up the track most every day now.

James Clifford Davison