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My Dear Sister,  
Your kind and charming  
Letter reached me yesterday I have not  
Written for some time, but more I was  
In camp in the 19<sup>th</sup> June and I have had  
No good opportunity to write. I did not  
Get the offer that I expected, but I am  
An officer but not quite as high as  
I hoped to be, however I am getting  
Along very well. We celebrated the  
4<sup>th</sup> of July firing gun salutes and fireworks  
And a hop at night. I wish you could  
Be here at some of our hops, but I had  
For rather be at our pleasant home than  
All the hops in the universe. I sup-  
Pose the Ohills and Elliots are in Cass  
By this time. The Herrise's have not  
Arrived yet and I do not wish to see  
Them, so they haven't you eh;  
Well let them nip, I only deplore that  
Tom Jones don't out/cut you too, I think  
Old Herris would be a better husband  
Much, than Jones, he has 4 times more  
Sense and holds a much higher portion  
Than some even mile, but neither  
Are the top of the pot, but when you  
Do marry I only hope my Dear Sis that

You will look to your own happiness  
And the happiness of your family, Mother  
And Father, After death our memory  
Floats down to posterity according  
To the foot prints we leave behind  
Us. Now speaking of preference  
I do believe that there is such a thing  
As love, but I believe that we can  
Govern it according to our own good  
Principles. If we are lead astray by  
That which is fascinating and at  
The same time not good for us, I rea-  
lize we can and anyway should and  
recognize get rid of it. He would be  
A pretty fool who would allow himself

To be undid by the charms of one  
Who would be a draw back upon  
The fair escutcheon of his family.  
Well I have gone three months  
Without gathering a single demerit  
And consequently am entitled to  
One day's leave of absentee to go to  
New York, but unfortunately have  
No money and if Father can spare 15-or 25 \$  
Dollars without inconvenience I would  
Like it very much. I wish to go next  
Saturday week if possible and if I don't  
Go then I'll go the Saturday after.  
There has just been a pleasant party

Here from Georgia. Gen. Lane my  
Old and talented and distinguished friend  
Has just left here, he says he is going  
Down to Georgia. He promised to call  
On father if he should go through  
That see him. He will probably spend  
A day or two with you all and you'll  
Find him a splendid old fellow  
He said to me the other day (Young  
When it comes to such a pass that  
The people of this republic can not  
Elect such a man for president  
As John Breckenridge I'll be damned  
If our country isn't gone".) I believe  
I would rather see him president than  
Any man in the country. Tell Mother  
I am well and hearty. Father will like Gen  
Lane very much, you must excuse  
This hurried blot and remember that  
I am in camp and have no place to  
Write. Write soon, send me a few  
Stamps. Love to all.  
I am your most affect  
Brother  
PMB Young