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Camp near Boonville

June 8th 1862

Dear Sister

The last letter I wrote you was written at Cape Girardau to which I have not received an answer to as yet. the same day that I wrote you last we embarked on the Metropolitan [sic] for Hamburg landing 8 miles above Pittsburg Landing we were Three days on the river we laid at the Landing some two days then moved towards Correnth we went about 1 ½ miles from Correnth laid there one day and two nights and then ordered to march a gain we marched within 8 or 10 miles of of [sic] the present place and then laid there three days after which we moved to the present place yesterday we received orders that we were to be on the reserve which will not very likely fetch us in a fight unless we get whiped [sic] and they retreat to us and that we aint very likely to be right a way [sic] I have enquired after the 45th and as far as I can find out they keep about 4 or 5 miles in advance of us all the time so I hardly think that I shall see Bert or Geo until after the fight we are keeping as close to the enemy as we possible can [sic] our pickets are with in speaking distance of theirs all the time. We do not have quite so hard marches to make as we did in Missouri and Arkansas but the marches are just about as tiresome as we have to go so slow when we do march we do not get so good water here as we did in the states we just left but I like the looks of country a great better there is a great deal of timber here but what farming

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land there is it is good corn here looks well I have seen from a foot to fifteen inches high and it is stout and healthy we shall soon begin to live on new wheat as they have cut a great deal of their wheat here they do not have to wait until cold weather before they cut their wheat here plums are almost ripe so near ripe that they make very good sauce pits as formed in the peaches and I have saw [sic] some almost ripe they do not only make men plow corn here in this country but the women I have seen several cases of women plowing some a week ago to day I saw Capt. Boyd and [Chas. Baske] of the 52d Reg. Ill. Vol and also Bryan Clark Elders Clark son the past week he is in the 36 Reg. Ill. Vol. he stated that he had a letter from stating that Leuit. [Brainard] was shot if that is the report at Rockford it is false for he is with his company and in good health I have told all the news that I can think of now so excuse this short letter as I wish to write one to Geneva to-day ell Lillie that I will write her soon. So good bye for the present. Please to direct to Chas. Sealy

Co. G. 44th Reg. Ill. Vol

In the field Cairo

From Your Affectionate
Brother

Chas. Sealy
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