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Camp Sheridan  
Dec 22d 1862

Dear Sister

Still in the land of the living I received your letter of the 10th yesterday and as D. W. Ticnor is about to return home I do not know as I can improve the time more profitable than in writing to you I am still at Mrs Maxwells as safe guard [sic] and I think that we shall stay here some as we are waiting for the river to raise and we may stay here for the next month. there is but little prospects of the war closing now every night or two there is fireing[sic] on the pickets without much

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taking any effect. night before last there were a squad of secesh followed a forage train of our Division in as far as our pickets and then threw a few Shell into camp but it was like all of there [sic] canon aiding it all went over and did no damage after which our Divivision [sic] drove them beyond reach it rather discouraging [sic] to hear that Burnside was defeated at Fredricburg [sic] it seems that the time that they have been to work there they might have held their [sic] ground it is the report here that Burnside has resined [sic] but it may be nothing but camp report I do not see why I do not get the cake that you sent me the Major [starter] over a month ago [sic] and have not got here yet but you are not to

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blame you showed your good will I hope that he will come soon having wrote Lillie yesterday I have writen(sic) about all that I can think of now tell Walter if he don't[sic] answer my letter that I shall never forgive him give my love to all kiss Elmer for me much oblige for the [pepper]. write soon direct the same as before good bye

From you loving Bro

Chas. Sealy

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