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Dear Mother,

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We arrived here to day after a march of 15 miles, About 9 o'clock we entered the outskirts of civilization, and for the first time in over four months we saw farmers families, growing crops, fenced fields, and the general evidences of Country Civilization, At 12 o'clock we entered Hank Centre and camped close by. The principal houses are surrounded by a log palisade, &c, in which are stationed Co. 73, & 8th Regt. The Company of which Mr. Pence is orderly. I have not seen him yet for want of time, as the mail leaves shortly and I go on guard, but I know he is here for Mr Little saw him in the stockade. He is very sick in the hospital, but expects to be around in a day or two, The town is situated in a delightful Country, It is on the Hank River, a splendid little stream. They have a saw & gristmill, store &c here. There is also a cavalry company here,

There are quite a number of families here, at least there were great numbers of gaily dressed fine looking ladies, to us, who witnessed our passage through the village. The doors &c along the road were filled with spectators and we made the best show possible, but such things will be common hereafter, as we enter into the heart of the country. The boys are round buying potatoes, bread, butter milk & every thing good to eat, and are going to have a good meal for once. We will lie over here a day or two, in order to fit out the 10th and Ramsay's escort &c, and then will proceed on our way. We now will have dusty roads to march in perhaps, but it will be more cheerful than it has been. I will now close for the present & remain
Yours Truly
Love to all, J. M.