

Camp Singletary

Dec. 15th 1862

Dear Father:

As the last letter I wrote was so short, I have concluded to write to you again & to write a more interesting one this time, if possible. We have had no fighting here yet. Few men of our company had an engagement with the enemy yesterday morning, on Cherry Run three miles from Washington; our men were in ambush, & fired into the Yankees (twelve or fifteen in number) killing one horse & wounding three or four Yankees, whom they allowed to get away. The Yankees didn't fire a single time, but left in a hurry as soon as our men fired. Our men got a fine ^{pair} naval pistols, saddle & bridle. We might take Washington now very easily with a Regiment or two of men, as there are not more than four five hundred Yankees there now. Most there forces are between Kingston & Newburne, & also about Wilmington. We have heard the cannonading from Kingston ever since Saturday morning, & I suppose there has been some pretty hard fighting there. We have three fort posts here on Tranter's creek, two six miles from Washington & the other on Tar river in sight. The Yankees have been pretty close to our lower post several times though not near enough for a fight.