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Camp Morton Jan 1.62
Miss Maria

This dry
evening finds me encamped
in the land of secret fire
miles west of Baston
Ky. We left Camp Demas
on Newyear and arrived
here the same day. so you
may at once see that I
spent a happy new year.
marched all day and then
being very tired retired
at an early hour. Many
times I thought of some
time passed when the land
is in peace and all in
good heart and having fine
times. There have passed
I hope soon to return

Our regiment has been assigned to Genl Woods' Brigade and we are now encamped in the brigade camp. There are near seventeen thousand here and will soon be ready to take up our line of march for Dixie. Then to decide our fate. One regiment in the brigade has one hundred and fifty cases of Smallpox though it has not spread. we are in sight of them. feel perfectly secure. Oh what a fine time we are having these winter times. Drilling in the mud it is an inches deep sleeping in the ground. and getting up in the morning at twelve. No wonder we sell a furrer to go soldiering especially in the winter season.

Nellie you may think me
very fast in writing so often
it has now been three weeks
since I wrote to you. Feeling
very anxious to hear from you
and thinking perhaps you had
not received my ~~my~~ letter
I thought there could not be
any imprudence in writing
again. What a great pleas-
ure it would be to hear from
you. More especially while
in this pleasant life.

Perhaps I am intruding
on your good nature. I
must close. Please write
soon if consistent with your
good judgment -

Yours for ever

Henry

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I have joined the Church of
Christ and believe in Jesus and I want to
share with you. I have been thinking of writing to you
for some time but have been so busy that I could not find time.



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