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Capt Peckonfrangh,

I am truly
grieved to learn of the present
condition of the 48th Regiment.
You are so communicative that
I am tempted to make you my
confidant. I suspect if you and
the whole regiment were to die
you would still declare that you
were enjoying your self vastly.
You evidently wish to excite envy.
Though there can be no doubt
but we will have a real nice time
when all the home guards are
sent to Indianapolis.

You can't imagine how impatient
I am to read some of those war
stories. Now, I intend becoming

literary too. — think I will write
a work denominated, Methuselah's
Views on the War, or Facts Stranger
than Fiction. Also, a monod on the
death of my pet kitten.

Now, if you will send me a speci-
-men of afore said stories; I will
honor you by the dedication of
whichever one of these works you
prefer, also, send you a brief
extract by next mail.

Very thankful for the kind blessing
bestowed on me. Should an
occasion present itself, by which
I could verify my sincerity,
please don't be so selfish as to
deprive me of the pleasure.

We are going to have a party at
Grand View next week,

Would not have any objections
to my securing a pardner with

that fire etc, would you?
Said pardon will have to dance
creepingly well and say soft
things very softly, on penalty of
forfeiting the bill.

The pretty little miniature I shall
ever retain as an interesting memento.

You agree to write a longer letter
if I pardon the length of the one
last written. Can excuse your
short letter this time, but toward
the apology feel less relenting,
Why, when I go soldiering, I will
send you a whole regiment o!
fools caps. No the case is, nothing
of interest ever transpires, and
procr. correspondent has to encroach
on Self - a subject on which all
are supposed to be fluent - none
agreeable,

Lucy, I might tell you how
all the Tolly Ganes and Mary
Melissa Anns mournfully talk
of their likers "So far away,"
only I know that you sympathize
so intensely in the sufferings
of others, that I prefer sparing
your sensibilities.

I have been watching the news-
papers for the last month
to get the earliest news from
the battle at Cumberland
Gap. I hope you will not fail
to write immediately, as I shall
be so anxious to hear from
you. Wishing you to have
all success whipping the
rebels and be home short
note. I remain,

Yrs. ever,
St. E. (unc)