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Fairfax Courthouse VA
Segals Army Corps

I received your leter last eve & was glad to hear from you I found me well & I arose this fine morning to answer your kind leter times is good hear plenty to do & enough to do it the mashene seems to run about as it has I dont think I am eney nearer home than I was when I first inlisted & I want you to come and visit the army I would like to have you come & be our sutler we havent now sutler & you can make money like durt come out & visit us & see the country it is a fine one It is warm here & nise weather here & if you keep snuffin around Lara Cook she will learn you how to play a joke I would like to be there to visit with you a spel around amongst the girls I can make them dust when I am there I would like to my colt to see how he gits along you rote betsey Shippy was marid I wish to know the felows name she marid I guess you like the schoolman prety well the stuff you rote in that leter was in my box came all right I got them all right & am liveing on them now I want you to right how long you are agoing to stay there in our place perhaps I may be there to see you if you stay there three years most 7 monts of my time has elapsed of my time but the rest of it looks long good ways through this war but the folks is all well here plenty of fun we are soon going to get us a bras band & then thing will be liver than they be now the report is that we are going to tenesse in two weaks but I dont care where we goe without doing good yet & I dont think we will do mutch let us be where we will will right all about the girls when you right we expect pay the 15 four monts pay then you folks will get a forty doler check & I want you to to pay my dets or yours with it you can use it if you want and pay for the place & take a deed of it give my love to all inquirers male or female good or bad I got a leter from James purdy he was well & Lovely and the goos hangs high we have a chois song here the mewl song criing for men to dig holes to stick there heads in in order to not be fed so high they is lots of them is so fat they cant goe right as soon as you get this for I am going to have my forthin told to know whether I am bornd lucky or rich rich I supose hope so eneyway I want father to keep good care of my tools & try to keep them togeather as well as posible tell Charly Inghram to right to me & tell me about his Holly girl & all the rest now more this is from your most humbly cousin

Alansing Wyant

give my love to Lara I goe right in on your nerve but dont get in so deep but what you can get out if you chose

[Alansing Wyant, musician and private, Co. B, 154th New York, *National Archives*.]