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Camp at Springfield  
Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1861

Mrs M. E. Flannery

Dear wife,

We are yet here.  
We sent off on Saturday 120 wounded  
nurses and surgeons. There is  
yet 175 here. It is expected that  
they will get off on Saturday  
night but that is uncertain.

Byrd has been quite sick. So much  
so, as to keep his bed for a week.  
I think him better but he  
improves very slowly.

We have one very  
sick now in camp (Mr White)  
but he is thought to be improving.

I was at church  
yesterday and heard a Mr  
Roberts preach a very good

Sermon. He is a tallist. I do not  
think there was twenty citizens  
present. The population of the  
town is about 2000

We have a pleasant camp and  
our sick are improving.

All the churches in town but  
one are filled with wounded.

The northern ward sent off  
10 or 12 wagons loaded with  
wounded. They have buried  
the most of those killed. I  
suppose there are some 50  
which remain unburied.

As soon as we have here  
we are ordered to go to the  
southeast corner of Missouri.

It is possible though that we  
may not go or make a short  
stay if we do go.

I suppose you will hear  
a great many things about the

battle which did not take place.

I suppose you get our  
letters more regularly than we  
get ours. we send the letters  
to where they are to go  
promptly but yours are often  
delayed in our part of camp.

A day or two ago letters reached  
here which had been 35 days  
in the road.

They are making arrangements  
to establish a mail to correspond  
but that will move more  
slow than the present route.

I have seen but very little  
of the Springfield ladies but  
what I have seen has induced  
me to believe that there is  
a majority of them for the union.

Yours  
W. Howard