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Document: *Letter from Camp Scott to daughter Alice, May 10, 1861*

Transcript:

Camp Scott May 10th 1861

My Dear little Alice:

I was very much pleased to receive your letter the other day, and would have written to you sooner but thought that as Mazie was the youngest I would write to her first. This is another disagreeable day rain-rain-rain, dreadful weather for poor soldiers. The Columbia boys are all well, and, notwithstanding the bad weather- are cheerful and lively. My horse fell with me today, when on parade but I managed to escape without being much hurt. I feel a little bruised, but nothing serious. Our boys have just started for Mr. Menges's church to stay all night so that they will be comfortable

Now my dear little daughter you must try and help Mama take care of your little sisters and brother, try and set them a good example - give them good advice. and be to them a kind and loving sister, I know that you will be a good girl and that you will assist Mama. You must write to me often anything that any of you write is pleasing to me. Kiss Effie - Lil - Blanton & Mazie for me. I would like so much to see you all. I hope this trouble will soon be over - then Papa will be at home and be so happy with you all.

Your loving Papa
Tho^s Welsh

[Transcribed by Rick Wiggin, 2017]

Analysis: Wiggin

Alice is age 9½

The spate of bad weather has lasted a week. This is the third time the Columbia boys have spent the night in Rev. Menges' church (May 4 (apparently), May 6, and now May 10th)

Scope and Content Note:

Handwritten letter from Thomas Welsh to daughter Alice. From Camp Scott, York County, Pennsylvania. Welsh describes rain and bad weather, his horse falling on him, and instructions to be good and to help her mother. Note: This is the third letter in May that mentions bad weather in early May and the need for soldiers to stay in Rev. Menges' church.



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