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who may welcome its return but
 I must bring this to a close give my
 compliments to Mrs Hart and family
 also all others who may enquire after
 me I would like to know the request
 that the boys from your town belong to
 at the present time I am enjoying myself
 with little include last summer I was heart
 ily pleased but am entirely well I am
 I was a Capt. somebody in Chicago from
 Winchester last spring and last fall also
 a whole more Hatcher's Bn, composed of us
 fine a lot of men as any in the field
 who are very reliable and friendly towards
 one another for the time in quarters of Wash
 D.C. cricket, draughts, check and many other
 games. I expect of my sincere wishes to friends
 and family and your Mother and friends who
 from your own town. The name of Higgins
 friend Taylor Allen
 My address Hatcher's Battery, 1st Artillery
 Ohio

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H. Battery 1st Artillery Station
 D. F. Fowler Esq.

Dear friend my regret for you and
 the memory of the kindness which
 I have received from ³/₂ and your
 family prompts me once more in the
 task of writing you a few short lines
 in acknowledgement of the debt of
 gratitude which I so deeply owe to you
 and the ever ready and kind welcome
 received under your hospital roof shall
 ever be remembered to my dying day
 and may the day be not far distant
 when we may meet face to face to
 recount the miseries of the fever but
 my dear friend believe me to be sincere
 in my acknowledgments of being disappointed

after repeatedly asking the gods and to receive
any answer whether it was your fault or
or if not I did not know so I let the
matter rest the last received from you
was while at school at Fairbrough Minn
for which was the object of my writing again
but as we are upon the eve of marching
I improve this opportunity of writing
you a few lines not arranging when an
other may chance my opportunity to be so
it is needless for me to attempt to describe
the paper wants which have come to my
notice of late so I shall skip over them
but remember I was in the Army of the
Ohio but going to Chicago last fall
I joined the 10th ~~Mass~~ ^{Mass} ~~Artillery~~ ^{Artillery} ~~the~~ ^{the}
Artillery which is in the Army of Mississippi
Water station is nine miles from the City
of Memphis Obedient marching orders have been
received to be ready at a moment's warning
and undoubtedly long before you receive this

I will be on the way to Washington you must excuse this letter of mine for I am situated very uncomfortable to write anything it is a rainy stormy day which is not very pleasant in a camp life but when I arrive at our destination perhaps there will be something more interesting to write about. I hope you will not forget to send me a few lines for I am anxious to hear from you and the people in general of you I now believe now I should like to see you all once more but it is impossible for me to do so as it would be to attempt to fly but let it be when when the Union is at war and the Constitution as this that the stars and stripes may float once more over every town and hamlet throughout the South then and not till then. When will I be proud to return once more to my friends to extend my hand to receive the friendly grasp of stone