

Fort Hoskins Jan 7 1864

Dear Brother

I have an opportunity of sending a letter - down tomorrow and so thought I would write you a few lines to you. We are getting along fairly as we have had two experienced Captains here to start us. I have been very busy writing for the - post - few days. No one outside has any idea how much writing it takes. I have made out 5 Copies of Muster & pay rolls having to write every man of our Company name twice on each roll and giving the date of their enlistment &c. I have just finished them and they have been signed and are ready to be mailed tomorrow Capt - Palmer expects to leave tomorrow to be gone a week or more leaving me in Command of the Post. We are expecting the - Gen'n County - Company here in

a few days as they have been ordered here
as soon as mustered in. We will have lively
times when all get here. The Post is intended
for two Companies. Though two full Comps
will make it rather crowded. I presume
Maria has received my letter - written the
24th Dec and is perhaps on the way at least -
I hope so. I would have written to her
but that I expected she would not be
there to receive it. I wrote a letter to Lydia
Brown but - it has not been sent yet -
I told her if Maria had not received my
letter - to tell her what I wanted as I told
Lydia in brief. I hope Washington Co
will turn out the rest of her quota
I think we have seen our hardest time
for the present at least - and our recruits
will have nothing to do but - to draw
clothing, & returns and go immediately
to drilling &c. Washington County is
pretty well represented now in the Company
Stir them up all you can down there
we want eight or ten more men and

Washington's Com furnish them as well as not -
I hope to hear from you before long
Direct - your letters to Fort Hoskins via
Corvallis. Write often - and keep me posted
and I will endeavor to answer as often
as possible. I hope we will not be so
hurried after we get settled. though I expect
by that time we will have to pick up and
leave. Give my respects to all inquiring
friends

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