

Monday 11:1 July 1842

Dear Sister Anne. As I have a little news to write

I could not get to camp to get this into the mail this morning
so I will write you a few lines. I commenced snowing last
night a bout 9 o'clock & this morning the ground was
white with 2 or 3 inches of snow. & it looked real good too it ab-
most seems as if I was at home but find I am not. I was pret-
ty cold last night & I did not sleep over 4 hours but did not get
cold much till I laid down together with our blanket
over us & my cartridge box under my head & was left nearly
frozen in a building which is used for a guard house.

Today I feel smarted & could go the same over to night easier
then I could do a day work 6 weeks ago. I weigh to day 142 lb
& the five part of Dec 1841 so you see am gaining.
Last night some of the Cavalry pickets brought a fresh
negro from the neighly lord of Vienna. He said that at
Fairfax Court house the rebel had nothing but a scattering
force of pickets said his master was one George Blunkoe