

12th Regt. Vt. Vol. Militia -

My Dear Friends -

May 1st 1863 -

My Dear Wife :

Your letter of Apr. 28th came tonight - I read one last night & replied to it, so that you will get two in succession. I am sorry that you have such a cold - It is all because you went off from Camp - Had you remained here your health would have been as good as mine is -

I am looking very fat & hearty - I have rode over the picket line today and feel somewhat tired tonight - I have ridden at least twenty miles on "white feet" today - Yesterday I rode at least as far - The day has been very warm, & the sun bright - It has been rather warmer than any day in Vermont, tho' vegetation does not seem to be more forward. I wish you could have been with me a part of the way - You would have enjoyed it, tho' perhaps when I tell you that I have seen five good sized snakes today & killed two of them you will think you are dead you are not here - None of them were poisonous -