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Camp of 12th Vt. V. M.
Union Mills Va.

June 25. 1863.

My dear wife:

It is nearly mail time but I will try to write you a few lines as I promised. I suppose you have rec^d my letters of yesterday -

Friday & Saturday I was Field Officer of the day & had to go over the picket line twice each day - once each night. Nelson has written you about our night raids as he went with me both times. I had a pretty hard time and was tired enough Sunday morning. Still in the evening I took a ride with Col. Stuart down to Wolf Run Shoals by moon light. We were gone only about three hours. When we came back we found that the boys had chained out the sutler -

They tore his tent down, drank his beer & eat his warts and joints. Stern, the sutler, was not here & has not yet got here yet -

I have not much news to write -

The raid made by the rebels upon the R. R. last Saturday & the destruction of the train you have probably seen in the papers.

The Vermont Cavalry boys took their piece of artillery from them & on Sunday passed up thro' our camp with it -