

Camp near Alexandria
8th Regt. "Vt." "Vol." Co. A
May 13th 1863

My Dear Father,

I will improve a short time this afternoon in writing a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope these lines will find you enjoying the same blessing. I rec^d your and Lysman's letters of the 30th of March some time ago; and should answered it before now - but have been on the move all of the time since I got it, we are now near Alexandria; we have been up the red river 30 miles and come back again; we found the rebels was a most run out - and what there is left was some 20 mi. a head of us and only about 800 of them left - so we turned our direction another way.

please except a little present for where there is but little, little
is required