

Camp of Union Mills Ia.

June 15<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Dear Sister -

I will write you a line this morning as you will probably be glad to hear from us often & now damp while there is so much going on in our vicinity. Hooker's Army is all around us at Manassas, Centerville, &c. it looks like having stirring times here within a few weeks. From the hill where we are encamped we can look over the river (Bull Run) to Manassas & beyond and see nothing but a cloud of dust in all directions, caused by the moving of troops: it has been so ever since yesterday noon. To day is an extremely hot day, not a bit of air stirring & the sun scalds down slowly. After all I don't dislike this kind of weather so much as I expected to, the nights are cool, so we get along quite comfortably through the day. —

I have got no pass to Washington yet tho' rather expect one to day, but may not get it, on account of the war.