

May 18, 1862

Camp in the field near White House
Lansing Va. May 18th A.D. 1862.

Dear Sister

As I have nothing else
to do this afternoon but to revise
and thinking that perhaps the folks
at home would like to hear from
me, and to know that I was well
I take this opportunity to write
a few lines to you.

I received a letter from Mary W. May
last night and was very glad to
hear from her and to know
that the folks were all well
at home. I had begun to think
that the folks in Essex had
forgotten ^{how} to write or were afraid
that their ~~has~~ letters would never
reach me but Mary's letter made
me feel a little more reconciled.
Mary tells me that Nathan is in