

me discharged & get a substitute in any place & even if you  
would get more pay than I can & I can do better on the service  
than anyone to whom you could let the favor or if you  
could get a Lieutenant of it would  
be doing well we have got good material  
for soldiers here but some fools for  
officers are doing any thing on the  
map this fall. how does the horse look  
& is done at home <sup>and I mean</sup> <sup>to I mean</sup>  
Dear folks at Home

Camp Advance.

Near Chain Bridge

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1861.

This evening I take my  
pen again to write you a few lines. as I suppose  
you like to here from me. & I would hardly hint that  
a letter from some of my folks would be accept-  
able for I have not heard since I left. I have heard  
word from you & it seems rather hard to wait so  
long when all the rest of the boys in our Co are  
getting letters every day. It has been a fortnight to  
day since I ~~write you~~ received your letter & I do  
hope you will write me soon. If you were here you would  
not blame me for feeling rather down at not getting a  
thing from at home. & I hope you will act on my heart  
without delay for I am feeling a little neglected.  
I have no news to write of any consequence you  
get more in Vt. than we do here but it is my candid  
opinion that it is not all exactly true. The people  
up there think that soon a great battle will be fought  
in Va & are no doubt waiting in a perfect fever to here  
the news by the next mail but they had  
better keep cool for we are in no hurry here