

Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> 1861

Dear Maria

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When I wrote you last I told you that I would write you in case we changed our position. Yesterday morning we packed up and came over here about one mile from the fort, and are encamped on a piece of very level ground which was ploughed last year and it is not the clearest place in the world. The reason of the change is that other Regts are coming in and we have to give room to them as they are three years and we but 3 mo. Soldiers. A Regt has arrived here each day for three days past and two of them are encamped within a hundred rods of us. One is the Troy Regt and the other the N.Y. Groves and imprincipally fellows they are too. Yesterday they were killing all the pigs and huns and misting all the Cows they could find. They also went down abt a half mile and broke open a grocery and scattered the