

Camp Douglas Feb 26 1863

Dear Wife

This is a very wet rainy day
and as Lieut Swift & Sherman are out
and I have all alone I will write you
a few of my thoughts. To day I have
been sitting on O. Mortal and we have
disposed of 5 Cases we tried the man
for aiding the Rebels to get away but
there was not proof enough to convict
him, the other cases were for desertion
and they are all to receive very severe
punishment. The fact is there ought
to be a few of them shot as Examples
and perhaps it would frighten others
to remain who will not desert. I see
Gen Hooker is about to have 30 of them
shot, it seems rather hard, but to
secure discipline in our army some
such measures must be adopted
I got a letter from you yesterday but
you dont speak of the small pot being
so near you I think there will be
no trouble with the Children if their
arms work well, we have a great