

Camp Douglas Feb 2^d, 1863

My dear Maria

To day is Monday and a pleasant day it is. The sun is shining very brightly and the mud in camp is drying up quite fast. I should have written to you yesterday (Sunday) but the reason for not doing so I hardly can tell you, but I will as you know something how sundays are passed generally in Camp. We are obliged to muster every two mos, and Feb 28th was our muster day, and about that time much writing has to be done making out Muster and Pay Rolls & Monthly Returns &c. I being on Court martial these duties devolved upon St Sherman, but for some reason the thing was not done so I was obliged to apply myself Sat. afternoon and all day yesterday to finish up the papers and not be behind time. I got through about 6.00 P.M. and as Mrs Ceru L. Hatch was to lecture down town I went to hear her and I was paid abundantly for my trouble in going as her lecture was very good and something after the style of

I received a letter from J. P. Jewett a day or two since also one from A. A. Jewett and he sent me his photograph which was good