

Camp Douglas
Chicago Ill. March 6th 1868,

Dear Maria

being on guard yesterday
I did not get a chance to write to
you but I will try to this morning
although I was up all night attending
to my duties and feel as though a
little sleep would do me some good
but the mail goes out at 2 o' clock
I thought if I laid down I might
not wake up in time to finish a
letter and have it go in to day mail
and I think you would be disappointed
try if you did not get my letters regularly
I had a very busy time on guard
fixing up the guard house &c, it had
not been cleaned out for some time and
the men could not find a place to
rest themselves during the night. I had
a general overhauling, beds fixed up,
holes in the floor stoped up, new windows
put in, new hay got and by night
things were very comfortable so that
the men rested as well as they would
in their quarters when off the relief