



Camp Dodge Near
Suffolk Va
May 18th 1863

Dear Wife

Nothing new has transpired
of interest since I last wrote but I presume
you will be interested to know that I am
still well and in the land of the living.
We are still in our old camp and but
little excitement prevails, we recruit
from our regiment 80 men per day to
labour on forts and we intend to fix
up things here in a strong condition,
The weather is very warm and it is very
lucky for us that our duties are not
so heavy as they have been for some time
past. I now have my coat & vest off and
am quite uncomfortable in the shade at
that, probably you are not troubled in that
way in N. York. We were all taken by
surprise this morning on hearing of Col,
Stowell's resignation so we have lost
our best officer and the Regt will feel it
much, I presume the vacancy will not
be filled at present nor till the regiment
is recruited up and no one knows who
will be the lucky man, Yesterday