

Camp of the 7th Vol.  
Near Suffolk Va  
Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Maria

I should have written  
you yesterday but as I was Brigade  
Officer of the day did not get time to  
I have now doffed my sash and handed  
my report into head quarters and the rest  
of to day I will have to myself. I  
got a letter from you night before last  
and I think I get them all as they  
come pretty regular. I dont believe  
you get all mine as you speak of their  
not coming regular. I intend to write  
twice per week and have with the exception  
of the times we were out away from camp.  
Every thing here is going along as usual  
we are having a good opportunity to  
drill and the men are improving very  
fast. There are a few men in D. Co. who  
are cowards and willfully hinder and they  
have been put into a squad by themselves  
called the "Owestward Squad" and are drilled  
two hours per day extra. We had a  
Brigade drill last Friday and our  
regiment got Compliments for its good  
appearance and knowledge of the drill