

Newport Barracks, N.H.
Nov 3^d 1863

Dear Maria,

Having a little time
I thought I would write but at
the same time I dont suppose it will
get to you in a week, but I must
write now, for if I put it off any longer
It know my what I should again commence
since I last wrote you on board the
Steamer "Maple Leaf" I have had quite
an experience. It arrived here at
3.0 P.M. Oct 31th and found every body
here all right and Col Ripley in
Command of the Post, which comprises
Our Regt. two Co of Cavalry, Two Co of
Heavy Artillery, One Co. Infantry 19th Wis.
and is responsible for about 25 miles of
the R.R. I got our Regiment into the
barracks (if they can be so called) and
distributed so as to be quite comfortable
but the Gills and Staff are yet in tents
but we are trying to get some boards
to build, and I dont see why we cant
for there is a steam saw mill within
a mile of here which belongs to the Govt