

May 10 1863

Camp near The Chaussement Suspension

Dear Brother

I now take this opportunity to answer
your most welcome letter that I
received Apr 19 and was very glad
to hear from you

The Rebels attacked our pickets, that
I was on picket next to the post that
they attacked there has been considerable
firing every since but not much done

We took a notion the other night
to try and do some thing so the
morning of the 19 about 2 o'clock we
started and went aboard of a gun
boat to cross the river and try and
take a battery but did not get ready
till nearly day light so they
give it up and came back to camp
and started about 2 in the afternoon
went aboard of the boat I Spring