

Rutland Vt. May 5th 1864

Dear Mary:

Sunday - In Camp -

I had intended to write you a long letter today, but this morning I was very unexpectedly appointed officer of the guard and I shall be busy for the next twenty-four hours -

You probably got my note written in pencil from the Town Hall, Saturday night -

When I wrote I supposed you would be able to reply so that I could get it last night but I find that it takes two days for a letter to go from here to Brattleboro - I feel very anxious to hear from you -

We are getting to be quite soldiers - We have now lived in camp two days, sleeping in tents on straw and eating what is cooked for us over the fire in camp - I enjoy it first rate and am growing fat and hearty - It was terrible cold Friday night and we all suffered from the cold - Some of the soldiers had not straw enough and some no blankets nor over coats - Friday morning we came into camp without any provisions at all - Along in the forenoon we had