

Head Quarters 12<sup>th</sup> W. N. W.

Union Mills, Va.

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1863 -  
Sunday.

My Dear Wife:

The events of June 1<sup>st</sup> have hurried on, & almost before we know it our time will be out. In about twenty days we probably shall start for home & if nothing happens I shall again be by the side of my dear wife.

I have now two letters that I have not answered - one written May 25<sup>th</sup> & one June 1<sup>st</sup> - both came the same day.

Yesterday & day before I was very busy sitting as president of the Court of Inquiry into the conduct of Lieut. Hartshorn and the circumstances attending the destruction of the train May 30<sup>th</sup>. The court is not yet closed. It will take us at least one day more. This court has prevented my going on picket yesterday & today -

We now have to furnish six commissioned officers, about forty non-commissioned officers and two hundred & fifteen men, two days out of four, and the line now extends from Blackburn's Ford up near Centerville to