

Camp of 12th Vt. V. M.,
Union Mills Va.
June 20th '83.

My Dear Wife: Saturday

Your letter began the
16th & ended the 17th was rec'd this afternoon.
I was glad indeed to hear from you, but
I am sorry that you feel so anxious. If you
were out here you would know better how
we are situated. We are ~~now~~ ^{now} at the Mills
but are ordered to go to the Shoals in
the morning. We are to encamp a mile
back of the shoals near the Fairfax's -

I don't like the move much, but I
suppose I can stand it for the next six
days, ^{as} that is about as long as we shall be
in the service unless Govt. persuades the men
to stay longer. We certainly are needed now
if ever - But I don't think the boys will
stay. At least you need not be concerned
about it until you hear for certain -

The troops that are staying are either going
into their own state to defend that or have
been home for a few days - We should be
glad to fight for Vermont, if necessary,
thirty or ninety days -