

Camp near Cloud Mills Va,  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1862

Dear Sister —

I am "Officer of the Day" and so have not very much to do if the Camp remains quite and will improve the opportunity to write you that you may know how your sobring brother is prospering and what of news we have here in this place due of the way of all news except what we get in the papers that the news boys bring to us every day. In the general advance of the "Army of the Potomac" we as ordered 12 o'clock (midnight) participated leaving every thing behind except what we could bring in a small