

Drainville Va March 16th 1862

Dear Mother

I received your letter of the 7th on the 13th I should write before but have not had much time. We left our good quarters at Securnsville the 3^d came out here and staid in a mans house till we could pitch our tents and get them stocked we have moved into them now and are quite comfortable. The weather is very bad now cold snowy and rainy it thundered all the afternoon yesterday. The rebels do not trouble our pickets much lately some of our scouts had a skirmish with a party of them at Aldie and the rebels beat them and took two of our Captains of 60 Ib and M and about 100 privates. Some time after that