

Capt Dillingham stands it first rate - so do all - Guys
is tough and well - write often and direct to Washington
as ever yours
William

Camp on the upper Potomac
Wednesday 17th 1862

My Darling wife

Since I wrote you

last we have made quite a move
and we are now in active service,
as I expected we should be -

Just before dark Sunday we were
ordered to march - Marched most
all night Sunday night - had quite
a hard time of it but I stand it
first rate - I have got a horse and
am having a nice time riding around
the country - We are camped on the
Maryland side of the Potomac about
thirty miles above Washington guarding the
river from Snaca Creek to Edwards

Ferry - It is a very nice country and
we can get all the vegetables and good
living we want - Cannot tell anything
about how long we shall remain here -
probably not long - as the enemy are on
the retreat now as you will see by the papers
before you get this - we have had a glorious
victory up above here - will write again as soon
as I get a chance - the boys are all well