

Head Quarters 10<sup>th</sup> Wt

Camp at Whites Ford Md.

Sunday evening Apr 12<sup>th</sup> 1863

My blessed darling wife

You will have to forgive me for neglecting to write you the usual little short letter in the middle of the week but I was very busy and first I knew the Mail had slipped off, and then was no chance of sending. Ed has been here, but has gone to Washington with "Sigs" Seabury, expect him back to morrow. Now my darling I have got some news to tell you that is not very agreeable, to you I well know. Last night we received orders to prepare "seven days rations", and reduce our baggage to one little Valise, ready to take the march for the "field" tomorrow morning, (Monday) - Which way we are to go or how, as yet we are totally in the dark, but am expecting orders every moment, I will leave this letter open, until the last moment tomorrow so I can tell you the news if we get the order. This is quite a surprise to us for we had been led to believe that we were to remain here all summer, and we was going to have such a grand time at Brigade Hdqrs.