



Head Quarters 10th Vt
Camp near Battles Station Va
Oct 28th 1863

My Darling wife

I have just got in off
Picket having been on as "Div officer
of the Day for two days. I asked Genl.
Morris what they kept me on two days
for and he said, laughing, "we felt so
safe when you had charge of the Picket
line" - I didnt quite see the joke - I
told him I was going to make an
application to the War Department to
do the Picket duty of the 3rd Div, by
the season - he smiled - well I am tired
and sleepy and cannot write you much
to night, only I am well, and all of our
boys - there is no very big Army news
now - I learned at Head Quarters today
that our Scouts could find no enemy
but Scouts this side of the Rappahannock
during the last two days we were in a
fever - for we heard the enemy had crossed