

Camp in the field near Sulphur  
Springs Va Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

My dear wife:-

Your of the 7<sup>th</sup> was rec'd the 13<sup>th</sup> -  
I am sorry that you let such reports (as the 1<sup>st</sup> troops going  
south) trouble you so. There is no likely hood of any Vt troops  
leaving their present posts. Those that are in New York are  
ordered back to their old corps. The Army of the Potomac  
cannot afford to lose any of her troops. And then again  
if the other Vt troops are ordered away it would not follow  
that the 10<sup>th</sup> will have to go. My dear don't be troubled till  
you have a reason. As for luck - we are called the "lucky  
10<sup>th</sup>" and we certainly have been very lucky. But easy  
till there is good cause for anxiety. I have always told  
you the properts of our Regt in every particular and shall  
continue to do so. Therefore believe nothing until you  
have it confirmed by me.

Those "little scratches" made by Jovis are just as good  
as a letter. The little cat. Now I do want to see him.  
As for that matter I want to see you all. It is rather  
natural that you should feel some anxiety about me  
then you see others brought home dead - but you do