

Camp near Fredericksburg

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Dear Rhoda I have been watching for a letter from you I wrote to you about three weeks ago and have not received an answer yet and I am very anxious to know whether you have got the bounty yet or not I am well and enjoy god health though I have been exposed to the wather then this week then I ever have been we leaf camp last week wensday morning 2 oclock marched in the dark and mud eight miles and went to work making rodes to cros the river teusday we were called out to guard the pontoon bridges on which the army was to cros the river the roades were good when we started ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ being frocing we started about dark and it soon began to rain and got very muddey and the wagens got stuck and there we had to stay all nite in the rain with nothing but a robber blanked to ~~xx~~ keep us dry nex day we went in the woods and put up our tents and stayed ouer nite it raining nearly all the time thursday we marched back and stop about 1 mile from our old camp and put up our tents and hed a good nites rest how long we will stay I do not know or where we shall go nex we know nothing about I expected that I would have my pay before now but I mwst wate tel they get redy I would like to have you send me a paper ocasianaly I would like a tribune if you can get it I mus bid you good by

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