

Head Quarters 2^d Regiment
Virginia Volunteers

Harpers Ferry
April 29th 1861

Dear Eugene,

It occurred to me this morning that when I parted with you I promised to write by Saturdays mail, but I was forced to forfeit this promise in consequence of the preparation to be made for the coming Campaign. I came here on Thursday last, and joined the second Regiment company ~~Commander~~ [sic, crossed out] under Captain Botts.

We are quartered in the second story of the building immediately under the tower in the Armory yard. Our duties are very hard. We rise at 5 o'clock drill at half past five in the Manual at 7 we breakfast at 9 Batalline [sic, battalion] drill at 12 drill, at 3 company drill at 6 Dress Parade. More of us are up all night, and experience a great deal.

Our fare is that of the regular army in fact we are subject to the same laws exactly.

We sleep in Bunks made of boards & straw, & quite as comfortable as the High School Beds.

The place is lively with military there being 4000 here, we expect to be ordered to Washington in a weeks time. I have regularly joined the army & sworn allegiance to this state. I would write more but I was up on guard all night & am so nervous I can scarcely hold my pen.

Remember me to all my schoolmates

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Yours &c.

B. S. White