

Camp Draper Near Washington D.C
Head Quarters Company E 2nd Regt
May 26th 1861

S. P. Piny

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last week and have not received any answer yet, we are now encamped about 2 miles from Washington and we receive our mail three times a day we left Washington city last Friday, we are on a branch of the Potomac river and about 40 rods from Maryland, the camp was in a great excitement last night and we were called to arms, it was caused by the U.S. troops leaving our camp on the way to guard a bridge about 1/2 mile below our camp, nearly all of the soldiers are well we live on smoked Bacon and crackers with coffee twice a day I was never healthier or felt better than I do now we have to turn out of bed at 4 1/2 o'clock and turn in at 10 o'clock. I wrote to archy the same day that I wrote to you and have received as good an answer as you sent me if you do not answer this I shall not write again

Yours

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