

June 9th 1861

Dear Sister

I am here yet -
& tired enough of it - I have an
idea of joining another Company
& going to Virginia & enlist for
the war. 2 Companies have
left & gone to Virginia the reason
I didn't go was when you go
you are obliged to stay as long as
the war lasts I did not think
I could afford to go there and
stay perhaps ten years without

leaving the Army at this
time I am interrupted
ordered to go with the Company
to carry Cannon balls to the
wharf. Marris is well but rather
or dissatisfied I have to write
on my knee the rest of

The men are romping over the
room some singing some dan-
cing some playing cards &c
such are the favorite amusements
on sundays & other leisure
hours I want you to write
to me & tell me all the news
just as if I was with you
It is nearly time to mail my
letter so I will have to quit

Direct your letter
as follows

L. P. Bryan

W. R. Rifle, Guard

Fort Caswell

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