

Friday 6^{th} / 11 / 61
Camp Stevens

Dear Mother

I wrote a day or so ago to Hannah but as I have received no answer yet, perhaps you have not received the letter so I will write again today.

We are encamped about 5 miles below Winchester, on the farm of a Mr Stevens in a splendid place, plenty of wood, & just near enough to town to get plenty to eat. We have fire places in our tents & they are as comfortable as a room.

We have had Jim Holly for cook but he got insulted & left us today so we are bad off just now, I want you or Uncle James or somebody to try to get us a man it is just impossible to get along without one as none of us can cook worth a cent & that is the cause of so much sickness in

camp. I think you can get one
of Beverly's sons but do not know
The mess are willing to pay almost
any price for a man, we have
been paying \$20 to Jim Holly a
month but will pay more rather
than do without ~~a man~~ ^{one}.

We are all well & expect to go
into winter quarters here soon.

I can not write any more as
the mail boy is waiting for my
letter. Write soon & tell me if
you can get us a cook.

From your son

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