

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

We shall leave here  
this afternoon at four  
o'clock so the Major told  
me just now

But we dont know when  
we shall go yet  
So the point I guess  
has we are drawing food  
tools and raw park Sugar  
and Coffee

Will you if we  
go to the point I  
shall take care of my  
self and not get  
killed

Admiral

Camp Parake

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Mother

I will just write  
you a short line to let  
you know where I am and what  
I am about

We have got orders  
to leave here at a mo-  
ments notice. So we are  
all packed up and waiting  
for the "Ward March" But  
the order will be retained  
whether we shall go or not  
for sure. But very likely  
we shall go soon when  
I dont know that either

But I think we shall  
go to the front again

It is all right if we do  
go the boys feel tip, tip,  
Want we make them Reds  
Stedelle when the 24<sup>th</sup>  
get there.

I sent <sup>by express</sup> from  
my satchel to dry Pratt  
has got a pair of pants and  
a hat and a little satchel  
there and a handle of  
spits. You can tell what  
things belong to me.  
Mr Pratt can pay you  
half what it costs when  
he comes for the things.  
Tell Pratt I sent that  
picture I was telling us  
a bird to dry

Will I ever think of  
any thing more now  
But as soon as I get  
a message from her (if we  
go) I will write.

I don't worry about  
me now because I am  
a gaining person her  
you know I know my  
thing a big every time  
I don't think we shall  
get any pay now in  
a very while may be

You need not write  
until you hear from  
me again

as ever Adrian

5-16-64

Monday Evening 16<sup>th</sup>

Well I think we have not  
got a way yet. We have got  
all ready and waiting for orders  
we may get them to move  
and we may not go in a  
week and I don't know as  
there is any thing sure of  
our going at all. But quite  
likely you shall hear here  
soon as at least a part of  
the Regt. those that have  
been listed and have not  
been here yet are not  
going. They are going to  
stay here. And a squad  
went home this morning  
they are to report here when  
their furloughs are out.

I dont much think we  
shall go to the front to  
stay this long. Because  
if we see the whole Regt  
would go. I should think

I can tell what I can guess  
we are a going to do. I think  
we are going to guard Pikes  
Peaks again where.

But go for what we may  
we are all rough lough  
and ready for any thing  
and any place they are  
a mind to put us

Not many Comrades in  
the 44<sup>th</sup> N.Y. V.V. Regt.  
they say things are a  
going now I almost  
am in hope we will go  
into the field

"Grant is a Brick"

Well I want write my  
noon to night I will write  
and see what the prospects  
of going are in the Morn  
to Good Night

Adm.

You will has from  
me a gaine soon if I  
have any chance to  
write

Adm