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April the 30th 1864

Dear Wife I take this oppertunity
to drop a fiew lines to you to let
you kno where I am and how I get
along my health is sum better
than when I wrote before
my horse is condemned and I am
Dismounted he was condemned in
an unlucky time for the war department
refuses to furnish any more horses for
the arney of the Potomac untill
after the springs Campaign
the Dismounted men of our
Brigade are all formed into one
Batallion and are under Command
of Major Smith of our Regiment
and he is a very fine man and a
temperate man to and that is a good
quality that there is but fiew offisers
possesses. we are incamped about one half
mile from our old regiment there is

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fourteen of our Company Dismounted
and are here with me. there is about one
hundred and fifty or sixty of our regt
in the same box my horse would
have been all right if it had not
been for their puting their horse killers
on him when my ancles were lame so
that I could not use him my self
Eb Lowe and Geo Underhill
are the two men that I had referance
to they Drew a great Deal better
horses on the start that I did and
and Lowe never don half the
Duty that I did and his horse

played out long time ago and he
has used the rest of the boys horses
for more than three months when
ever he has been on duty. Underhill
has used up five or six better horses
than mine was when I first Drew
him all moste all of the boys in our
Company has had their third or
foarth horse. the horse that they

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condemned for me was the only
horse that I have had since I have
been in the survice. when Lowe had
him out on a skout he did not
take any cair of him the horse took
coalde and has randown ever since
he is not good for any thing now
but if I could have went with the
horse insted of Lowe the horse would
be worth one hundred Dollars now
there is that differance in men about
takeing cair of horses
when you write direct to
Mr Daniel Hall
Dismounted Battallion of the
Cavalry Resurve Brigade
Washington DC
Co H
1st NY Dragoons
I hope this will finde you all
well. good Day for this time
write as soon as you get this
Daniel Hall to
Catharine H Hall