

Near Lovejoy Station  
Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1864,

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All of my company was on picket except 5 men. All of the Regt except 16 men. We were in the trenches and the enemy had evacuated our front entirely. Our pickets were a half mile in front of us. It was the custom to keep up in such cases one man out of 30 or 40 to arouse the balance in case of an alarm.

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