

I copy all of my letters to C. H. Harding as he wishes
to keep the originals. R. F.

Camp Fairbanks, near
Rutland, Vt. May 7th 1861
3 o'clk. P. M.

Friend Harding:

We have just received notice
to be ready to start early tomorrow morning for Fort
Monroe, Va. So I just take time to write you a single
line. We have been having pretty severe camp duty,
and not very much leisure time. We go from here
by cars to New York and thence to the Fort by
water at once. The camp is now full of enthusiasm.
Every company gave three cheers on receipt of the
news that we were to leave. We have a fine Regt.
from Vermonters and as full of fight as so many
bull dogs.

Our company is full and in as good
favor as any company on the ground. Stebbins
can tell you better than I can now write. Tell folks
that we are all pretty well and if occasion requires
you shall hear from us. I will write more at length
as soon as I can. Yours in haste

Roswell Farnham

P.S. Dixby of our company has just been appointed one of
the color guard.