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Barracks is a

Sunday

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Dear

The dinner has just

concluded for evening parade and boys are marching into line. I have had a real good day today. One of my friends little Johnny

got up for the morning and early in the morning and it rained almost

all the day and we did not return home until 3.30 P.M.) and of course we were pretty much wet. So we

have taken off our coats and hung them up to dry while we have caught the last of the day, being entirely true to the word. I have therefore

just time enough to write to you, a not very good letter. I have for a

second, something quite definite & perhaps not quite as interesting, to send to you. It may not be exactly of the nature you would like to hear, it

certainly is not just what I would
like to write, but I am sure, that respecting
my to write for several days and more
and myself to consider it in a good light.
I have failed (through some of the fault
of my imagination) - but getting a place upon
the Residential Staff, and shall probably
start for home during the week. I was
much disappointed at this result
for it had been promised me in the
most unequivocal terms, by officers
very high in the regiment. Through the
intercession of the Major & Capt. etc.
I suppose it is all right - you know
my time in an overruling Providence
is such that I can endure any such
disappointment and have no doubt
that it is for my good, though I do
not see exactly how. Well is going
to my father, and I can see that I
so I will send you some. Your fears
were almost entirely unfounded -

An ever loving

A. W. Boyce