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## Letter, 1861 May 19, Oscar D. Ladley to Mother and Sisters [Catherine, Mary, and Alice Ladley]

Oscar D. Ladley

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Camp Jackson

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Dear Mother & Sisters,

I received your letter per Mr. Swope and was glad to hear from you. I have not been very well since yesterday I have a very bad cold but all have to have that. We get up in the morning at 5 o'clock when the Cannon fires then the roll is called then each mess goes to work getting breakfast, we have to do our own cooking and eat out of doors. For breakfast we have Pork & beans & Potatoes, and the same for the other

meals. to day we get  
fresh beef, we get no butter.  
At 10 o'clock our Company goes  
on guard we are on duty two  
hours and then we are relieved  
for four hours, and so on for  
twenty four hours.

I went up town yesterday  
and found one of my old  
acquaintances, he is in a  
hat store, he made me  
a present of a military  
Cap a very nice one.

Day before yesterday the Pen-  
itentiary caught fire about  
four o'clock and there was  
about three or four hundred  
broke guard and went up  
town. That comfort was  
very acceptable as it is  
cold every night. These  
blankets are very thin



but it take three or four  
to keep you warm.

I have just been relieved  
from guard duty and am  
very tired. I got a letter  
from I. W. Reed to say he told  
me you were all well, and  
I am glad to hear it.

I believe there is nothing more  
this time. Remember me to all,  
and to Ann in particular, and  
all the rest. Tell them all  
to write. Nothing more but  
remain affectionately

O. D. Lacey.

P.S.

I sent the night key by C. Nelson  
I suppose you got it.

O. D. L