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Man St. N. Y.



Camp in the woods  
near Yorktown April 14<sup>th</sup> / 62

Dear Uncle

I received  
your letter on the 13<sup>th</sup> and was  
glad to hear from you. all came  
safe to hand and I am very much  
obliged to you for what you sent  
me. I have been in the Hospital for  
9 days. but I have got out now.  
I was verry sick for a few days.  
now I am taking the mumps.  
they are very sore to-day. Well  
we are lying about 3 miles from  
Yorktown now and 1 mile  
from the Rebel Pickets. when  
we go out on Picket Post we  
go so close that we can hear  
their talk. often we exchange

shots with them. there was  
2 of the 63<sup>d</sup>. Regt. shot on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
none of ours has been shot yet.  
But we will have a hard  
Battle here when it does come  
off. the Rebels has shot several  
shells over our camp. Gen  
McClellan is at the head of  
this part of the Army. He is  
going to shell them a few days  
before he makes an attack on  
them with infantry. about  
writing material. I can  
hardly tell what makes  
it so costly. one thing we  
have nothing but sutlers  
to buy from and they are  
very dear with every thing.  
It is not right to patronize  
them at all. I dont give them  
very much. I have not got  
the package yet you said

You said you was going  
to send. but I suppose it  
will come before long. it  
is reported that our letters  
wont go but I dont  
now whethere it is so or  
not. But all of your letters  
will come here. I must  
stop for this time write soon  
my best regards to you all  
Yours T. J. Hodgson  
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1<sup>st</sup>. Brigade  
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