

F. April 13th 1862

In Camp near Warwick Court House

Dear Brother

Your letter dated the 8th was just received by me and as you say there was a rumer in the News papers that our Troops was verry near Yorktown I thought you would feel ansious about me I take this opportunity of ansiving your letter ~~as meagerly~~. If there has been any fighting at Yorktown up to this date it is more than I have heard of. We are ^{now} stationed at a place called Warwick Court-house within 8 miles of Yorktown. But there is some of our Troops ^{pos} within 3 miles of Yorktown. The Rebels I do not believe have a verry large force. hear and what is hear I do not think they will make much of a stand but this thing I know we will have to fight them to a disedvantage, as they have best work after the best work what they have throug up as for meeting us in the open field that they will never do. The enemy is within ^{cc} talking distance to us so you can judge how close they are to us

I being left behind I did not go with my Regiment -
the time they moved from New Port news but came
another road I have been to the extreme right
of the line ^{called} to the left Our troops extend for
10 miles all around Yorktown. I have passed over
the ground where the immortal Washington
fought the Battle of Yorktown I have also
passed through Big Bethel where the Enemy
could have bothered us considerable as there
is between 25 & 30 breastworks though up.

I have been quite sick in fact so bad that I
had to go to the Hospital this I told you
nothing about as I thought being Mca was
sick it might worry her But now I am all
right once more and feel first rate

It may be some time before you receive this
letter as the mail is very irregular and every
thing is up side down We had to go 22 miles
for our provision and the road is so bad it
takes 3 or 4 days to go and come and it makes
things very disagreeable as our rations comes

very irregular we have went with 1's biscuits
for a hole day but yet we are in good spirits
and eager to meet the Enemy let come what
will Give my love to Pa Ma Ann Louisa
Henry & Charra not forgetting to receive a dew
share your self I received a letter from Jeth
the day before yesterday he and Famerly was
well I am exceedingly glad to learn through
your kind letter that Mca is so she can
come to the Table and eat once more with you
I suppose Mca will miss Ann Louisa now
as she is Married I hope this war will soon
be at its end but let it last as long as it will
I hope the Administration will except of
no compromise while there is a armed Enemy
in existance against it I hear it rumored
that they entence to burn Richmond I hope
they will not do it for God knows they
have burne Danuff already in Virginia
If they keep on burning as they have God
only knows what is to be come of them

The idea of a man burning his own house over
his Families head is enough to make us feel
that they are cracked in their upper story
but yet it is easier so. Give my love to all
that - ask about me I am in good spirits -
and ready to fall in as quick as I receive
orders to do so. The wether is quite good here
at present and has been so for the last 24 days
I only hope it will keep on so for we are
without tents and if it comes on wet we
will suffer. Where we are it is the levellest
land I ever saw you can dig down in the ground
only one foot and you can find water making
it very damp this is the reason the roads
is so bad but I must close by hoping this
will find you all in the enjoyment of good
health and hoping to hear from you soon
P. S. Direct to me I remane you Affectionately

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