

A light before this time and on account
of wet weather so we shall have
to wait till the mud dries up
so we can handle the big guns
Camp New York Town Ca April 14

Friend Lamb. Sir

As I have a few moments
to spare this afternoon I will
try and fulfill my promise
writing you I should have written
before this time but we have been
in the snow most all of the
time since I come back we
left Camp Griff March 7th for
Manassas but before we got there
they had evacuated from there
so we was ordered back to Al
ford and from there to
Foothills Monroe the next day
after we arrive there we march
out about five miles and camp
for a few days the third day
after we had incamp we went
out in the vicinity of Gorktown

To see what we could do. K
in about six miles of Yorktown, but
we come across the rebels pick^{ed} up
and with some smart skirmish we
fighting are above them in
about three miles. To their rescue the
which was three thousand strong, fight
they was in thin fortification. We
halted for the night with a
determination to fight them in the
morning, but in the night they
took by force for Yorktown so
we lost our army, the next
morning we was ordered
to Newport News, we camp there
four days, till they got ready for
A grand movement to what
place we did not know but by
night we found rebels pick^{ed} up
engagement. I will say we followed
the James River for two days when
we brought up to Warwick Court
house which lays between James

River and York River the dist^{ant}
between the two Rivers is ten
miles Warrick Court house lies
within three miles of James River
well we come across the pickets
the first day and had had a
fight them all the way to War
wick, and some times it was for
I tell you, now on the we had
an incursion with three or four
hundred of them but they found
so the gankers was so much for
them we camp close by Warrick
the second night after having
put news in the rables barracks
which we have camp all winter so
you see we had a good place
before the next day we started for York
town had to drive the pickets all
the next day, the second lot had
to do the skirmishing all that day
of air brigades so you see they had
to keep some for you see when

the old second got after the
they have or fly we kept the flying
all day till we brought up ~~at~~
Young Mills on a small river on
Crick, we camp there that night
and the next day till noon we saw
again our regiment was on the advance
all day we brought about five o'clock
at night or not I call a stand still
for a while, before we moved, we was
with a thousand yards of the
reable mast batteries for five miles
within five miles of Yorktown we come
across a large creek, and about that
creek is three forts, heavy mounted
with big guns, our brigade is split
the middle one, Hancock brigade
is on our right and Porter on our
left and we saw all of our
each fort is well mounted
the prisoners say they are well for
tified all the way to Yorktown in
mast batteries, our men have kept
up a constant firing for four days
now with a few yards so as to keep
them back till we get our forces
all ready to make an attack

McLellan is with us, and he says
he wants to get all ready on the
he will show them how the guns
can fight we should have had

how we shall come out it is
hard telling but we must to win
them as dye in the attempt the fight
will be mastly with artillery, we
are now incamp within a thousand
yards of their forts, an expose to
their fire all the time, they have
pick off some of our men with
the sharp shooters, but not any
out of our 1st Regiment as I know
of they have wounded one man
in the fourth, an one in the third
but not dangerous so you see
it is close picking with us we
stand where we can see one an
other all of the time but must
you we keep close to a tree as
we can but before you get this
letter we shall have the bloodiest
fight that has been done since
this was broke out they are ours

for we are bound as whif the
Scamb I wish you could stop in
an see us as to night you would
see men busy an rugged an shuff
but ready for a fight when the word
is given as it is most dark I must
close this letter by hoping you will
overlook this in me for not
writing before an will excuse all
mistake in spelling for I have some
trouble in a hurry my health is good
an am ready for a fight when
they want, my respects to you wife
an all inquiring friends if you think
this little worth an answer I can
be pleas'd to here from you
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