

Camp Near Portsmouth  
April 11<sup>th</sup> 1864

My Dear Sister

I received your ever  
welcome letter. Some time since  
but having numerous duties. Such  
as picket, patrol, and fatigue  
duties. I have had no spare time  
to answer your affectionate letter  
until this morning and I had to  
steal these few moments of leisure  
to drop these few lines. So as you  
could know that I am enjoying  
excellent health. and that I am  
in good spirits. I was made happy  
to hear from you to know you  
were in good health. We only  
moved to this camp yesterday afternoon  
(Sunday) Nice Sundays (work aint it



We have moved no less than five  
different times. and to as many  
camps. We will move again so  
I hear. at least it is the rumor  
in Camp. I think that the next  
move we make will be towards  
Richmond. and I dont care how  
soon. for I want this unholy and  
unnatural Rebellion brought to a  
speedy termination. I think this  
war will be over by this time next  
year. Lib if any one asks  
you whether I send my money home  
tell them No. for I do not want  
the neighbors to know my business.  
I expect to get paid pretty soon  
and I will send you in my money.  
Lib let me know the persons you  
gave my pictures to. I wrote  
to Gus and Kate about two weeks  
back. but as yet I have not received  
any answer. Lib do not fail to



write soon, and not forgetting  
my love to Kate, Gus, and Eve and  
all friends, especially to all the  
girls. I will now close hoping I  
may hear from you soon  
With my love and Best Wishes  
Ever Remaining

Your affectionate Brother  
Benjamin Schwartz  
Co. "A"  
5<sup>th</sup> Penna. Cavalry  
Portsmouth  
Virginia



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