

York Town Va April 1st 1869

Dear Brother Abner

As I have a few leisure
moments now I will try and write you a letter and
let you know my whereabouts. I thought you would
be anxious to know we are at York yet, but expect to move
every hour. The rebs run off Saturday leaving their guns
and ammunition and tents. ^{Sunday} Saturday morning our cavalry
and light artillery went in pursuit and overtook their
rear guard about noon and captured some of them and
brought them back here. ^{Sunday} Monday they had a battle
where our troops gained a complete victory and took some
prisoners. Sunday morning I'm on picket lines and went into
York with our advance ~~regiments~~ regiments and I went all
through the enemys works there was a number of our men killed
by the bursting of shells that the rebs had planked under
the surface of the ground. I helped dig out some of them
they had a torpedo in the fuse so when they were stepped

on they would explode and blow up whoever was on them
I got some ^{lock} pesesh, knives and lances or pikes and some harpers ferry
muskets and a revolver and a machine to arind hard backs in
the rebels wrote on some of their tents these words follow
won to Richmond but I think some of them will hardly
get there what does not bite the dust will be bagged and
put on the rip raps or some other ~~at~~ place for safe keeping
I will not write a long letter for my only object is to let
you know that I am alive and well and anxious to hear
the order forward the reason why we did not advance with
the rest is that we were detailed for provost guards and
I am on such duty to day. give my respects to all and
write soon and direct the same ad before tell Emma & Mark
that they owe me a letter and I want it soon for I should
not like to go to law about it. We to day that Richmond
was taken no more at present

Yours in haste

Cassimer