



GEN. McCLELLAN.

Washington June 18

Dear Sister

I received your very kind letter yesterday I was somewhat surprised to receive your letter so soon I had not dared to look for it yet. It found me quite well and enjoying myself as well as as a soldier can and that is pretty well while we are not in the field or on the advance we have been disappointed again about getting our horses they were bought for us and fetched to the government stables here but before we got them General McClellan sent in an order for fifty

hundred more horses consequently
they took our horses as it is
now I do not think we will
get our horses so as to go back
into the field inder three or
four weeks You wish you could
have been with me when P was
sick to have taken care of me but
I will assure you that my comrades
done all for me that I could wish
X If it made you cry to hear that
P was sick and had to lay on the
ground I do not know what you
would do to know the whole that
that we have to put up with
and pass through I guess if you
did you would not cry to hear
that a man was sick you X
wanted to know if any body
gave me medicin there was

ty
- medicine sent to me every
day but I did not take but
little of it as it was quinine
and I did not choos to take that
You wish to know the cause
uld of my sickness well I will answer
as that for you it was from being
but exposed to the weather having to
omrade sleep out on the field in rainy
wish nights and having to make forced
that marches and then sleep^{on} the damp
ground and an other reason is that
we had to work very hard getting
that shot and shell to our artillery
I have had to carry boxes of shell
ou that weighed 250 lb and across the
hear decks of the vessels and put them
X on the shore others would take
ly them and put them in the
waggon

The specimens that I got at
Yorktown were a good silver
mounted revolver a bone knife
a dagger and some confederate
script that some of the boys
stole from me I got some shells
and other traps also a piece of the
stone where Cornwallis ^{red}surrendered
his sword to Washington I have
some military buttons that we
dug up in our trenches that
were buried there in the revolution
I have not been able to find I wife yet
I hope he has gone to Philadelphia
if he has he will go home as soon as
he is able I have not heard from
home in two months I expect
that I did not get the letters
when we were on the advance
you wish to know who I was
with there, the beaugh sounds for
dill so I will tell you next time
write soon
Cassimer