Yorktown Va.
June 14th 1863

Dear Brother

I now take this opportunity to inform you that I am well I recieved your letter day before yesterday we came in on that day from Black water we had a little skirmish out there and lost one Captain and six or seven men wonded we had a march of 24 miles on that day the fellows was pretty well tuckerd out some of them we had been on a stedy march for four or five days in all about 80 miles and then had a skirmish and it was very hot on that day some was sun struck ~~we~~ we started for

Black water on the 12 we
were marching and humbugging
night and day until the 16
and then we moved on Black
water our regiment were thrown
in deployed as skirmishers
we skirmished about three
miles ~~across the~~ through the
woods and met the enemy
on this edg of the black
water they fired two volleys
of musketry on us before
we seen them there was
not many about 5 or 6 hundred
they did not fire many more
shots but retreated across
the black water in side of
their entrenchments we
then fell back after about
two hours freing in the
time they made no return

The black water is not
very wide where wee were onley
three or four rods I expect
that they wanted us to cross
~~the~~ at any rate wee did not
wee skirmished on the 16 and
marched in on the 17 we star=
ted from Suffolk on the 18
~~on~~ cars and came to Norfork
wee took a transport from Norfork
and landed in yorktown on
this day and now I have just
got my shelter tent pitched
and am writeing to you I
see you directed your letter to
deep creek wee have been away
from deep breek about 4 months
stationed at Suffuck wee
were in Suffulk when the
Rebbels had it surrounded
wee were sent out one day

When they were there and
lost about fifty of our men
you se the came up in the
night and built pits about
a quarter of a mile from
our lorest works the Sharp
Shooters and our camp was
the nearest to them and
they used to fire at every
man they see and we were
sent out to drive them out
our regiment alone they let us
get right up close to them
and then opened a murderous
fire it was foollishness for so
few of us they ~~wa~~ were backed
up up by five or ten thousand
men it was a dam crazy movement
we lost fifty men and it was a
wounder wee dident lose more

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That was about two months ago I thought you had red ~~y~~ about it ~~on~~ in the papers untill I saw your letter directed to Deep Creek I was to blame for not writing and and letting you know where I was So you see I have ben in two Illeng=agements and was not hurt I dont think we shall stay here long I expect we shall go to whitehouse or Williamsburg you asked me how long I had to serve I enlisted for 3 years or a sonner discharge and I have served 25 months the 28 of this that will leave me 11 months more to put put in if I dont get nailed

by a bullet I would like
to stay here wee are near
the the water and in
a pleasant place but
I dont think wee shall
our Collonel is a fighting
man and wants to get
a Brigadier Ship and
I guess wee shal go into
the field I have wrote
you a long letter for
me and a hard one
to read but you must
excuse mistakes becaus I
am in a hurry so I will
close with my signature

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I give my best respects to
Gr. Father Mother Jane Jim and
all enquireing friends &c

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