

Yorktown, June 11<sup>th</sup> 1861

My Darling wife:

Thank God we have met and conquered the enemy and none of us killed. I hasten to write before you hear any rumors. As you know I have been down near Hampton & Newport News for a week past. In the last few days we were reinforced by Standard Battery with Major Randolph and about 1100 infantry. On yesterday morning we got intelligence of the enemy's approach and unfortunately three of our pieces and all the infantry were out scouting. They got in to the Camp in time however and we got to work about 9.15 and fought with varying success until 1.30 to 2: once I thought

we were whipped. One of my  
pieces which I commanded  
in person was disabled after  
firing only 10 rounds by breaking  
a priming wire. It was the key  
to the position and had the enemy  
had the pluck to hold it - we would  
have been lost. Three of my men  
were wounded - Lieut. Hudnell -  
Shook + Smith - Shook seriously -  
I was providentially saved, for I  
was very much exposed - the  
shell burst all around us -  
The enemy are coming on us  
again - and I must close -  
Send this to Mother - Good bye  
dearest -

Ever yours,

Thompson Brown

I will write tomorrow -