In Camp near Warwick Court House

Dear Brother

Your letter dated the 8th was just received by me and as you say there was a rumor in the News paper that our Troops was very near Yorktown I thought you would feel anxious about me I take this opp

unity of answering your letter at once. Up to this date it is more than I have heard of. We are still at a place called Warwick Court House within 8 miles of Yorktown. But there is some of our Troops within 3 miles of Yorktown. The Rebels I do not believe have a very large force here and what is here I do not think they will make much of a stand but this thing I know we will have to fight them in a disadvantage as they have been

work of the last week what they have thrown up as for meeting us in the open field that they will never do. The enemy is within striking distance to us so you can judge how close they are to us
I being left behind, I did not go with my Regiment the time they moved from New Post now, but some another road I have been to the extreme right of the line to the left. Our troops extend for 10 miles all around Yorktown. I have passed over the ground where the immortal Washington fought the Battle of Yorktown. I have also passed through Big Bethel where the Enemy could have bothered us considerably as there is between 25,000 breastworks though up.
I have been quite sick in fact so bad that I had to go to the Hospital. This I told you nothing about as I thought being. Ma was sick at the very her Pest. Now I am all right once more and feel first-rate.
It may be some time before you receive this letter as the mail is very irregular and everything is up side down. We half to go 32 miles for our provisions and the roads is so bad it takes 4 or 5 days to go and come and it makes things very disagreeable as our ration comes.
very irregular as we have went with 1/2 rations for a holiday but yet we are in good spirits and eager to meet the Enemy. Let me what will. Give my love to Pa, Mamma, Ann, Louise, Henry, Ellen, not forgetting to receive a dawth your self. I received a letter from Job the day before yesterday he and Farmer was well. I am exceedingly glad to learn things your kind letter that Ma is so she can come to the Tab. Band eat once more with you. I suppose Ma will miss Ann Louisa now as she is Married. I hope this war will soon be at its end but let it last as long as it will. I hope the Administration will except of no compromise while there is armed Enemy in existence against it. I hear it runned that they entence to burn Richmond. I hope they will not do it for God knows they have burn Danuff already in Virginia. If they keep on burning as they have God only knows what is to be done of them.
The idea of a man burning his own home over his father's dead is amply to make us feel that they are cracked in their upper story but yet it is common. Give my love to all that ask about me. I am in good health and ready to fall in as quick as Prexies orders. The weather is quite good here at present and has been so for the last 4 days. I only hope it will keep on so for we are without tents, and if it comes on wet we will suffer. Where we are it is the level land I ever saw you can dig down in the ground only 1 foot and you can find water making it very damp. This is the reason the roads are so bad. But I must close by hoping this will find you all in the enjoyment of good health and hoping to hear from you soon. P. S. Direct tome I remain your affectionate

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or Elsewhere