May 31st - 1864

On the Battlefield 10 miles from Richmond

Dear Brother,

With pleasure to me I write you to let you know that your letter of the 14th is received and to assure you I was glad to hear from you all. I have had a hard time of it since I got you head of from me. We have marched in the neighborhood of 150 miles to get here. It has been a continued march night and day without fighting almost all the time. We have not had a hot night to our selves in all most 10 days rather digging rifle pits or on picket or on the march all the time. They had a very heavy fight yesterday here but our Brigade was not in it as we went on on scout, our Regiment was sent out on the skirmish line and skirmished with the Rebels all day but there was none of us injured but we had 3 men...
taking prisoners the day before we was out-on-picket-and rush on some of the Rebel cavalry we chased them for there lives but they came to quick for us we had one man wounded in our Company we captured one of them and captured a hout-a dozen saddles we chased them about 1/2 of a mile when the shells came by shelling us with there artillery we lay in line of battle but with us we will have a fight here or not I can not say we captured a Negro yesterday he came from Richmond and he says the people is in an apple core there they are packing up there idea I brads and I hope they will have to leave this time the army is in first strait-shoots only they are more out-shoots of the clean they have had to perform we have had no ration
for over 2 days so we have had to forage on the country but now we have returned and the rest of us has been called we got here last night about 12 O'clock and up this mornin at 3 1/2 O'clock. Give my love and best wishes to all. I am glad she is getting better and hope she will continue so. I will be home by the 4th of July if nothing holds me. You must write as often as you can as by now, you will only see me at holing or more time at present as the mail is getting collected. I will close by sending love to all.

With Respect,

To L. H. W. Alburt
6 2nd Reg. N. Y. Vol
15th W. V. I. B. Cole
5th W., T. B. Bone
20th D. Bone
6th Corps General Knight.

Washington, D.C.

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