Sheet No. 2}

[October 3, 1862] Camp opposite Washington in Virginia on a strip of land between two parts of Gen. Lees estate.

Dear Brother,

I am now in a Rebel State, but we don't see any Rebels here. It is very hot here today Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The ground is sandy and at present very dry We however do not suffer here as in Camp Brown for water as a brook runs near by where we bathe. We get water to drink at wells and a spring about a quarter to half a mile off.

We can see Camps around us plenty of them I suppose by what I hear that here are a hundred thousand men. I can see the Capitol from the place where I now sit writing, with a part of Wash.

From a place a little farther west and a little higher I saw the Potomac and vessels on it. The prospect is pleasant East. The Capitol is near N.E. It is not so pleasant here unless one loves the sight of Camps Forts and Land without crops almost entirely. However the sight is grand on the whole counting the woods rolling land in the distance. The timber a small thick growth of Oak &c about this place has been cut down to prevent the Rebels being coverd by it. We got in some time in the evening stacked our arms and after a while fixed our beds on the ground as best we could. I laid my Rubber Coat on the ground, my knapsack for a pillow and put my blanket over me. The ground is very dusty here, and my blanket was wet this morning. Se Sheet No. 3

James G. Macomber

N. Jones Volusia N.Y. Dear Mother,

I with a number of others were detailed and hurried off on Picket Guard this afternoon but I am the only one of our company at this station; which is a reserve. At present we have not any thing to do. I asked the capt. and he gives me leave to write. I am happy to write to you. I hope that perhaps Hannah may [read] this before she may go home. I received one from Melissa and Esther Tuesday morning; the first I had received from my friends since I came here. I have been rather neglectful about writing; yet I have written four letters to Chautauqua and one to Allegany, besides some business ones to New York. I wanted to answer Melissa's and Esther's to Ripley very soon; but I was with others, about 38 of us of our company called out on Picket the same day; and that was the first time I had been called on this duty. I wished when I had got to my station that I had brought my paper for there were three men of us; one to watch at a time, and one to be awake and ready to assist the other to rest. But they did not live up to the rules quite all of the time. But in the day time one could write if he should not be too sleepy. Especially the first afternoon; for we staid 24 hours and as it happened we staid that day much more. Since then we have moved about a mile to another camp. We are now a little south of Fairfax. We moved on Wednesday evening. And we have had to clear the ground in and about our camp. Yesterday we had a general review; there were a great many men together. I wish I could tell you how many. In the afternoon we swept the ground about camp and grubbed stumps and burnt up stuff up. Our camp is in a much better place than the other was. It is in a grove and near woods. How long we may stay we can scarcely say any thing. We may have to go tomorrow. Our Capt. said this afternoon before I left that we had orders to be ready to move, but not orders to march. My health is good. I thank Providence for the blessing. I buy some food, and have some found me that is good. As I do not eat meat I suffer some a part of the time, as I have not bought loosening food enough. Potatoes and apples may be bought, but just think how much money and inconvenience must be had for one to help himself so much. I bought two lbs. 2 oz. cheese yesterday and gave forty cents; and nine Apples for twenty cents. I bought 2 lbs, I think it was, a while ago for 35 cts. 17 1/2 cts a pound. Butter is 40 cents a pound; still one of our men yesterday got a pound, and a loaf of Bread for forty cents; the same price.

I must close.

# James G. Macomber, November 1, 1862, continued

I want some postage stamps very much. Will you send me a few, say 2 or 3. Will you, if you can write and tell me how your money matters stand. It may be I had better send my United States money home. But I have not a great deal besides.

Direct to

James G. Macomber In care Capt. J. B. Fay Co. E 154 Reg. N.Y.S.V. Washington D.C.

Sarah M. Macomber} Ripley, N.Y.

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> morn. We are going. J.G.M. God blesses me still. J.G.M. (Electus took the road by us & turned off southward, at Centerville I suppose) (Direct as before)

Wednesday morn. 5 Nov. We got here near the cascade hill Monday eve, heard the Cannons roaring beyond near the blue ridge yesterday, and last evening late. We suppose Burnside's. We have gone toward the thoroughfare Gap. Be sure [to] send stamps if you may. God bless.

Camp near Fairfax, Virginia, Nov. 29th, '62

Dear Mother,

I was at Gen. Von Steinwehr's Head Quarters on guard when I wrote the previous sheet. It has been so cold since; and I have not had a comfortable place to write; that I have neglected to write. I am now in camp. We do not know whether we shall move soon or not. We had a Thanksgiving day before yesterday. A sermon preached. As it happened I was not so as to hear it yet the subject was told to me by one who did. The Capt and Lieut. promised something for dinner but failed to obtain what they sought. Meal for a Johnny Cake was the grand object. How glad we would be to taste of and eat what we might want, of a good one.

Tuesday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, '62. in camp.

Dearest Mother I have just rec'd Mira's line with the envelopes, paper & stamps. I had not finished writing as much as I intended to; as my tent is not yet fixed warm with a fire. Some of the tents have a fireplace in them now. I have a part of the material to make one, some brick and a flat stone, but have not found time to make it. I was on Picket Guard Saturday afternoon & Sunday forenoon; yesterday I went out with the pickets to find where they went so as to carry them their provision; then went and helped carry it. I happened to get some potatoes of a Negro family, so I cooked some sliced ones with an Onion last night. I bought four pounds of Cheese for one dollar; good. poor Cheese is sold for the same I suppose; and for less too. I did not buy and butter this time. This is 40 cts. here good. Less in Fairfax .35 and poor.

A sermon was preached in the afternoon. They were to have a prayer meeting in the evening. I did not go at night.

My health is pretty good; though I am not quite well. I was told last night by the Capt. that I am growing fleshy. It is probably so. I have enough to eat and most of the time a very good appetite. We were called about half past twelve this morning into line and the Roll called. The first time we were ever called out in the night at so unreasonable an hour. We were a littled startled by it. By the blessing of providence the moon shone brightly. We packed our knapsacks; I believe the most of folded and rolled our blankets; our provision was divided and packed in

# James G. Macomber, November 29-December 2, 1862, continued

our Haversacks; good soft bread & hard crackers; what I should say was not need to be cooked at the moment; and that was set a going. It was the meat that was cooked and the water was prepared for coffee; but the kettles and pans were called for and carried away to the waggons to be packed before the drink could be made. We were ordered to leave our tents untouched, as it would not take long to pack them to carry. These are carried by the men. Each one carrying a piece. But we are here still sun about 3/4 of an hour high and no more to start. I forgot to say we ate breakfast when we were up. We lay down again. I hope soon to write again. We have not received any pay yet though we hope we may (have hoped so) soon.

Yours in hope,

James G. Macomber

# S. M. Macomber}

I wanted to pay the taxes with the expected money. J. G. M.

We had to come out without our trappings on, afterward, we stacked arms

I dont hear from my likeness at home. It went as far as Westfield any way. I wish Hannah could carry a new one taken from it. Will you say so to her Camp near Falmouth. Opposite Side of the Rappahannock to Fredericksburg, and about three miles above. We are on the hights a little distance from the River.

Dearest Mother, I have commenced this rather unceremoniously but you will readily, if you are well, recognize the hand. I am happy to write to you once more; I have neglected it long; although I thought when I wrote last that I should write again soon. It seems almost impossible for me to write much; and yet I do not do a great deal neither. I have fixed my breakfast; fetched some chips twice; and some water twice; and that is the most of the work I have done today, and now it is 27 min. past twelve. We some time have to drill in the forenoon but not today. A part of Regiment is clearing off the ground adjoining our camp, for separating out the camp for the health of the inhabitants. I have a little time thank Providence, to write to you. I have now just taken off my Rice that I have been cooking for my dinner and I have a little apple sauce left that I stewed this morning. I have to cook in my cup one thing at a time. I cooked some Dessicated Potatoe that I bought a short time ago; last night; partly cooked it; and put it on my plate and baked it like a johnny cake this morning. This with crakers and sugar made a very good breakfast. We get Apples, peaches, potatoes, rice, sugar, molasses, beans, meat, both beef and pork, tea and coffee, of the government Quarter master. And if we could have enough of each we might with the Army Bread live well, but we do not. We had an opportunity just before New Years, to buy of the Brigade Commissary; and this helped those who had money to buy with; very much. The provisions were sold at Government prices without charge for transportation. Sugar ten cents very nice. Crackers (Army bread) five cents. Dried apples, good, eight, Peaches, dried with the skins on, and a little musty, ten. Dessicated potatoes 12 cents. This is very proffitable to buy. Beside they had rice, flour, beans, &c. We have had tea but once; that was yesterday; Des. Potatoes 3 or 4 times perhaps. Fresh potatoes once Christmas, or about that time. Peaches once. Others oftener. I have been full fed twice, perhaps eat too much for my labor. My health is now good, and has Generally been so. We had a hard muddy time a part of the way from Fairfax to this place. I stood the march well by the blessing of the Lord. A part of the way the ground was frozen. It broke up at that time. we have had dry weather most of the time since, the roads are good. It freezes nights now and thaws days. We suffer some by the cold at night for we are not prepared well for winter weather. Still we live and move. Two men died in our regimental hospital yesterday and last night. O how glad that I am well. I saw Electus a few days ago. He was over here to see us. He looked hearty. To day is the third of the month Jan. '63.

Yours in love, Your son James G. Macomber

Sarah M. Macomber} Ripley, New York Camp near Falmouth, Sunday Jan. 4 '63

2<sup>nd</sup> Sheet

Dearest Mother,

I had so much to do yesterday I could not finish my letter. I received one from you and Leslie last night about nine o'clock. I am so glad and happy to have one from you. I would like to know whether or not you received one from me with the likeness; and also, whether you got one from me, written from Fairfax (camp near) just after we were surprised in the night by the calls to be ready to march. This call I said was the first we had had at so unreasonable an hour; but it was not so. We had had one like it at Thoroughfare Gap; but I was gone away, and was with the team at Gainsville, so I did not know it, did not inquire though I ought to have done it. Did Hannah see my Picture? It seems that she got back from Erie, 4 days after it came to Mr. Jenkins'. I wanted very much that she might have another taken, and that she should take it home. I have written to Ebenezer, and to Melissa lately. I am sorry I have not or could not write to you I think I could have done it if I had been more thorough. I want some one to mend my pants I hardly, I might say, do not get at it. they need it very much. There were two funerals yesterday in our Reg. I attended one. A funeral sermon is to be preached today. Many of the men are fixing over their tents today. We had not a very cold night, last, and a very pleasant morning this; and now the wind blows very brisk from East of south. The Sun shone very warm a while ago. The clouds gather. I hope you may have got my last letter. Very many of the men here have colds. Those who died, had Typhus and Typhoid fevers I believe. I do not feel quite well, but nearly so. Pray for me I trust you do. And I try to trust in God. Tell Leslie that my log chain did hang on the large sheep rack. I think I left it on the East end of the boards, over head over the hay. I think I left the small twisted link chain in the same place. Look for the ring which is to be put on the four of the kettle which belongs to each chain. The other chains, two, I left over the fire place in shanty. The two rods and little piece of a chain, which were used for a bail to one of the cauldron kettles I left under the out shed by the shanty in the woods. Close up to the roof. Will you Leslie try to take care of them. Will you if you can see to my bake kettle and other small kettle that they do not rust badly. Also the griddle, and andirons. I left the large hand saw on the east end of the old shed, overhead over the polls. Will you look for it if Providence permit. Try to do the best you can; I know not how things may be with me in future. The affairs of the Nation may be changed soon. I have not received any money yet.

> Yours in love, James G. Macomber

Mother and Leslie Sarah M. Macomber} Ripley, N.Y. Camp near Falmouth Va. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> '63 About a mile to the West of the old camp.

#### Dearest Mother,

I am happy to write to you once more. The changes among us in the course of events have been considerable since I wrote to you. Among it all I have been blessed by the Lord, beyond many of my fellows. My health at present is very good. I am fleshy, and towards as tough as a Bear. My appetite for food has been, most of the time since I have been in Va. very keen. My food, when relishable, has relished very well. I have, by the blessing of the Lord enough at present. I have had some given to me; I draw most of my rations; and buy some. I bought four pounds of Cheese last Friday; 3 lbs of it for 50 cts. a lb. 1 lb. f 40 cts. making \$1.90. I have not bought any butter or Cheese before, since I was in (or near) Fairfax. I have purchased considerable Army Bread, and some fruit &c. as I needed, but my fruit was gone long ago. I need more. Dried Apples & Peaches, are very necessary here in the Army; our bread is so firm and hard to be digested. It is very much unsatisfying to the Stomach, also. I feel as if Cheese is a very envigorating element for me; and it is certainly an important relish. I am sorry to pay so much; but I am not sorry I got it, though I had to do so. My money has lasted and much more. We got some of our pay day before yesterday, (saturday). I got sixteen dollars forty five cents \$16,45. My Allotment draft is twelve dollars; which I intend and expect if, Providence permit, to send to you. I do not recollect that I have learned that you have ever known that I allotted it to you; but I have tried to inform you of it. Take it and use it well according to your own judgment. If you with take it for what I owe you on taxes; toward it I should say; for that will not pay you.

There has, apparently, been a great calculation made in the Army, for a move and strike at the Rebels, or enemy, on the other side of the River. The move was commenced and partly prosecuted; and the storm of rain came and frustrated the movement. It was impossible to move the Pontons by teams; then the Cannon you know are heavy. It takes six horses to draw those of common caliber almost any time. But when the ground gets soaked with water the wheels cut in so deep in places where the road is not very hard, that it is nearly or quite impossible to move them or the pontoons (Pontons) on wheels. The pontoons (Pontons) are a kind of Scows for making bridges. They are anchored and fastened, and planked over (a plank bridge is placed across the boats.). You know a road will soon get

# James G. Macomber, February 2, 1863, continued

cut up where so many are passing. It seemed as if Providence put a stop to our move to save the great loss of life which must inevitably have taken place, if the movement had been successful. I hope, if the Lord is willing, that the contest will soon be over; and good be done; the enemy conquered without so much fighting as would have been, if we had met him here. Our men are generally well and hearty, but this last move was very hard on them. They had to march work, and be out in the rain. We have to clear land and make roads. Our regiment was out in the rain with knapsacks on or near, all of one night. But I with some others, thirteen at the place were I was were much better off only on guard at Brigade head Quarters of Commissary stores and teams. This was a cold and wet station; yet we had a tent; and at least a fire in it, then the tent was warm. I took some cold through some neglect and the severity of the weather but I soon recovered. I with the most healthy of our reg.; except two com. who were stationed as support of batteries near the old camp, went before, up the river and worked on a new road down a rayine toward the river.

Yours My Mother

James G. Macomber

Sarah M. Macomber.} Ripley, N.Y.

Feb. 10th I hope to send it by Isaac T. Jenkins. J. G. Macomber.

We crossed one over a creek on the 6<sup>th</sup> of Feb. Potomac Creek. The Creek was raised by the rain on the night of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Look for Aquia Cr. landing. We are now near it the 10<sup>th</sup> between potomac and Aquia Cr.



# CAMP "JOHN MANLEY," 154TH REG'T N. Y. VOL., 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 11th Corps, Army Potomac

Neur Stafford C. H., Va., May 12<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Dear Mother,

By the blessing of God I am here in quite good health, though not perfect. I attempt to address you again. I wrote to you yesterday; but the letter may not reach you; the stamp was poor. Will you send two or three stamps and one sheet of paper in the next letter. I have envelopes at present. I want you to fill the letter with writing as much as possible. The second time you write; will you send a pencil. If you have an opportunity, tell Norman, or Bell, that I want one for writing letters; one that is fine and good. The pencils here are too soft and muddy. This one is rather hard. I got this at their store. If you have the success to get one; cut it in two, and send half at a time. Write soon; as soon as possible.

I got my four months pay last night. We had to go on Corps Drill yesterday afternoon, so I could not write. I intend to send the draft in this, if the Lord will. I leave it with you to do the best you can; I expect you will. I may want to buy a cow &c next fall. Some one who is safe might have the money a while. I wrote in the other letter about paying Mr. Lumbard; and you taking money for yourself. If any of our friends don't want what you may have to spare; let Leander Bickford have it, if you can. You can send word to him some way, if the Lord will, and he may come and get it. After I get home, if I do so well, I expect to want money and help. I hope you may be with me a while, at least. May I be resigned to the Lord's will. But my hopes, if not faith, are strong that I may be home before long. I may do wrong if I don't say I think I have faith. O may the war be done; yet in a right way.

Our company went into the battle with about 66 men all told. And came out with 30, I think. Yet some, two or more, are in the hospital at the Railway Station. The most of the missing cannot be shown by us of their whereabouts. We suppose they are dead, taken prisoners, wounded and prisoners, perhaps some are gone to Washington. There has been talk that the Colonel [Patrick Henry Jones] and Lieut. Isaac T. Jenkins have gone there. We do not know that Isaac was wounded. Still he may have been. Isaac N. Porter is here. You would like to know how I escaped. I was detailed, when in the Reg. near Kelly's ford to go to our old camp,

this place, to help, and see to getting our knapsacks when I returned our Reg. was gone across the river, all except a few men and the teams. I was then set on guard, with the rest of our company of detailed men, over the Commissary Stores, that were left behind in Mt. Holly Church, situated near Kelly's Ford, and near our camp. When the stores were moved, we moved; and kept with the wagons as guard, till they were stored or stationed near this place and through that day, four of us were kept and then relieved by another guard.

So I was not in the fight at all, nor near it. We did not cross the River. I heard much of the booming of the cannon; and saw one or two shells burst; which were thrown among the teams near a half mile from me. I was comparatively safe, yet some times we had to be very watchful while we were on guard. I saw Martin Harmon Sunday. He was here, well tough and fleshy. I saw M. Dickinson of Cattaraugus, yesterday, about a minute, just as we were forming in to go on drill. He said that he had a letter from Amon's folks the night before. Esther had got there. I think he said they were all well. I have not heard from Electus. They were in the hard fight. —

Will you write of the sugar business. Save some Molasses for me as I wrote, and a little sugar. Save all of my letters. Give my love to all the Neighbors and friends. Pray, and may the Lord's will be done.

Yours, from your filial son,

James G. Macomber.

Sarah M. Macomber} Ripley, N.Y.

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adjoining our camp, for separating the string Bread live well , but out the camp for the healt- Waf the inhabitants. I have a cittle time I have now just taken off my Rice that I have been soo king formy dinner and I have a little apple Laure left that of steined this morning. I have to cook in my out one I hiry at a time. I cooked some Dessicated Potatoe that I wight a stort time ago, last night; partly cooked it, and furt it on my plate and baked it khea. Johnny cake this morning. I his with my depte Javiece and hard crakers madelan mein good weak fast. We get Apples, punchas, polatoes, nice, Jugar, molassis, benun meat, both week and poils, tea and coffee, at & government Quarter master and if we could have enough of each we might with

we do not We had and potanity just before Paw years, to him I hank Pervidence, to write to you of the Brigade Commissary; and this helped those who had money to buy wish, very much. The provisions were sold at bor. enment prices without ohnige for hanspertation. Sugar ten cents very niec. Grachers of my bund five cents. Dried Apples, good, eight, Peacher, died with the this on and a little musty, ten. Dessicate potatoe; 12 cents. This is very proffitable to buy. Beside they had rice, flow; beans, &C. We have had led But once; I hat was yesterday? Des. Potatoes souds times puchajes. Leresh potatoes once Christmason about that There. Peacher once . Wheis oftener. There or quit and twice, perhaps ext toomned for my labor My health is nowgood, and no.

Canti Man Falmouth Sonday Jan 4 69. The two rods and little piece. of a chain, which were used Ind Sheet and in the court of for a bail to one of the culding Dierest Mother, - settles deft under the out shoot Jan Jan Lad Somiah by the sharty in the woods blood to do agesterday I could not finest up to the voof. Willyou Leslie 155 illy letter of received one porce try to take care of them. Will you and destire last night you gracan see to my about nity celeve som siglad behe kettle and of her small - Kettle shat they don't miss body and happy to have one from you could like to know white der thegridder, and and interiory or not you received one from me I left the large hand showinthe cast and of the old wheel, overhead with the like ries; and also, whether over the polls. Willyou looke fruit you got one from me willten from if Providence permit by to do the Fairful (camp near) just as les est best you can show not how were surprised in the right by Hings may be with me infution the calls to be reary to march. The affairs of the Mation may be This call I dain was the first nice changed soon. There not received had had at so unsensonalitan any money yet. yours in love hour but it was not do the Mother and Leslie. Conver Solla conter. Had had one like it at though-Varah M. Macomber fare dap but I was gon away and Rifely of By To I did not know it did not

inquire though I ought to have a very cold night, last, and a very done it I'd Hannah sel my pleasant morningthis; and now Victure? It seems that She got back The wind blows very brisk from from one, Lidays tope after it Bast of south. The Sun shone came to Mr. Jonkins I wanted wing warm a white ago. I he very much that she might have clouds gather . I hope you may another taken, and that she I have got my last letter. rought should the it home they many of the men here have I have written to Eloneger, and colds. Those who died, had Typing to Melissa Lately Variodom and Typhaid fevers of believe. I have not orcould not with I do not feel quit well, but near to your of think sould formy by so Peay for me Thust you done it if I had been more do And I try to trust in God. thorough I want some one Dell Leslie What my log chain did to mend my paints o hald hang on the large sheep rack o My, I might soy, do not get think I left it on the East end of at it. Hey need it very wich the boards, over head over the him. There were two funerals yesterday on Think I left the small hiristed our Reg. I attended one of fundady with claim in the same place. Look Symon is to be preached today for the ving which is to be puton the chang of the men are filing over how of the kettle which belong to their tents today. We had not each chair. The of her chairs too. Inocessful. Thope, if the Lord is willing, John wir son Feb 2 nd '63 Camp. that the contest will soon be over good About a mile to the West of the old be done; the enemy conquered without so much fighting as would have heen if we had Dearest Mother met them here. Owe men are generally stantonis Sam happy to write to you well and hearty; but this last move was ower more. The changer among us in the very hard on them. Hey had to march course of enouts have been considerable work, and be out in the vain. We have Mince of worth layou Antought at to to clear land and make roads. Have been blifsed by the Lord, by one On regiment was out in the rain with -hugisteles on or near, all of our nighting many of my fellows. My healthat present But I with Some ofhers, thinteen at the is wary good . Jam fleshy, and towards place where I was were much betteroff only an great at Brigade head Quarters of as tough as a socar. My appetite for food has been, no las the time since Commissory stores and teamers. This was a Thave been in Ta very keen My food cold and wet station, yet we hadd when relishable, has relished very tent; and at last a fire in it, then well share, by the strong of the the tent was waring I took some cold Lord enough at present. Chave had though some neglect and The sensity Just the most healthy of our regisefeet Lowe given to me; I draw most of my valions; and bry some took form two com. who were dationed as support of frounds of Shouse last friday, 3 in the river and worked and went before up a raving toward the river of oursety tother of it for 50 ctsabe. 1 lb. of Lock hinaking \$ 1,90. Thave not bought any duller or shees sheper since I was in or near, Fairful. Thave Ring Parahett, Maconther. James & Macomber.

purchased considerable of my Bread and some There has, of parently, been a great calculation fruit &c. Dried Apples & Peaches, are very neces of made in the others, for a showe and strike way here in the drung; our bread is so fine out the Publis, or eveny, on the other side and hard to be digested. It is very much softhe River. The move was commenced unsatisfying to the for Stomach, also. Find party prosecuted; and the ston of I feel as if theese is a very envigorating to vain come and few trated the more ment element for me; and is certainly an inv for was impossible to move the continues portant relish. Jane sony to pay so much; but is by teams; then the bannon you to mare som not sorry sgot it, though I had to do wheavy It takes six houses to draw the so so. My money has lasted and much for common caliber almost any time a more. Regot some of our pay day hopore; But when the ground gets soaked with wal yesterday, Saturday). I got sutien dollars the wheels out in so deep in places where forty five cents \$16,45. My Allotment the road is not very kard, that it is draftis trulue dollars: which or prearly or quite impossible to move them or intend and expect if , Providence purmit of the portions on which . The pointernais to send to you do not recollect to a kind of farms for making bridges. that I have learned that you have they are anohored and fastined, and ever known that I allotted It to you & planked over you know a road will won but I have Tried to inform you of its get out up where so many are passing. Take it and use it well tecording to your It seemed as if Revidence puta stop too own judgment. If you wish take it for what I move to save the great Erds of light Some you on taking toward it & should say which must inevetably have taken for that will not pay you that the stand place of the movement had been

When the stores well moved, we moved and kept with the wagons as guard title they were stored or stationed near thisplace and through that day, four of in were high and then relieved by another grand. Todas not in the fight at all, morning . Dear Moster, it our did not oroll the River . heard worth of the booming of the cauncy, and saw one as two shells burnet, is the Clare or the his own a many the teams near a half mile from me downs comparatively safe, yet some time swe had to be very waterful while we werton quaid OSaw Martin Harrison Sunday Hewas hice, well tong hand flestoy This Mi Dickingon of tallarangus, yesterday, about a minute, just a me were fring in to go on drill. He said that he - had a letter from it is polks the mon before Esther had got there Ithink he said. they were all well. Those not heard from · Clootus. They were in the hard dig to . Will you write of the Jugar business the Some Molasses for me as white, and a little sugar the Peiglibors and friends. Prayand may the Down one; out it in tos, and some offer at doublett Magamber Hours, from you filial son to



CAMP "JOHN MANLEY," 154TH REG'T N. Y. VOL., 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 11th Corps, Army Potomac-

Near Stafford C. H., Va., May 12 1.

By the blessing of God June here in quite good health, though not perject. Patternft to address you again I wrote to afour yesterday; but the letter may not reach you; Her Strip was poor. Will you with two or three Stanger, and one through spaper in the neft letter. There envelopes at present of want you to just reliet with weiling as much as prestion. The siend Time you witt; will you would need. If you was of atanite, les charles une Bell, Frat Con Millon Belling Mutay; or a hast in fine and grade. The peneils-hugare too do and making. This one is rather hard of this at the How Tryou have the some Toget a line. Write Loon, as Suras profile.

of got my four months hay last night yestiday afternoon, of or could not weite dintend to Fried the diast inthis, of the Lord will. Theave it with you to do the best you can; I effect you will of may want to kny a cow & comet fall. Some one who is safe night have the money a white of western theother letter about paginor . . Lumber t; and your laking neony for yourself - kane to space; let Leander Bickford hale it, if you can You can send word to fine Some way, if the Lord will, and he may come and get it defend get home if odos ford to go to our old camp, this place, Thepe you may be with me a while, at when I returned our ting, was gone acrofs the least. May of be resigned to the Lords friver, all except a few men and the terms will. But my hope, if it laith, are thong was then set of yeard, with the rest of that I may be tome before long I may do four company of detailed men, over the Som wong if I don't say withink of have faith missary Stores that were left behind in Mt. O may the was be done; yet in a right way Holly Shurch, situated near Helly's Food,

Company went into the saille with about 66 min all told of ind come out with Bo, of think . Get some, two a more, are in the haspital at the iniway Station. The most of the missing count be Moun by us of their will abouts. The suppose say are deal, take prisoners, wounded and prisoners, partiales Some are gone to Washington Shire has been a talk that the Colinel and Lient, Jaac J. Jankin - Kave gone these. Hany of and friends don't want what you may We do not know that I was was woulded thill hi may have her. Daae of Porter is fure You would like to know how descaped. I was detailed, when in the Pry-near Helly's so well, of expect to want money and help to help, and see to getting our knapsock