

[Letter written by David J. Williams, June 9, 1865, to his nephew, Thomas (Rowe) Williams. Transcribed by William G. Mather, III in April, 1997. Original spelling and punctuation are retained.]

[written on the letterhead:]

U. S.
Christian Commission

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Camp. 154. N.Y. V.S.

June. 9. 1865

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thank be to god for his car and tender mersy too ward us so far, ei so James your brother last weeck he was well and harty then his rignent is gon back cros the river to virginnia,
ei hop ei shall see you befor long, we esbect to be in york Stat in three or four days and then we will geat pay and muster out from servis ei hop ei shall see the day ei will be free man wans mor, ei hent got no news to tell you, becaus you see the news evry day mor than we now, the wether is very hot hier, we hent goat nothing to do hier now only coock and eat and drink and we ar must to lasy to do that the chirris is rip hier over too weecks a go and green pees and new murfis you now what murfis are this contry is far head of cattaragus the rey is must rip hier now, all the fredom boys is well at presant, we will giv good visit after we com hom,
ei must com to clos now bey giv mey best resbect to you and your Dier wife, giv mey resbect to your Father and your Mother, and Ann, and Mary, and samuel, and William Wheeler, and Liza and the children, giv mey resbect to William Thomas and all the family and all mey frinds, so much at presant from yor unkil David J Williams
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