

Fredericksburg VA, August 22d/62

Dear Mother

You will see by the date that we have changed our place of residence again. We have left our old camp at Harrisons Landing one week ago this morning (friday). We marched twenty Eight miles the first day and crossed the Chickahonimy at the mouth on a pontoon bridge over three quarters of a mile in length. I have seen some pretty good bridges but that beat any thing that I ever saw before. We made the march from Harrisons Landing to Hampton in just four days, averageing a little more than twenty miles a day. I call that pretty good marching but it made a good many sore feet and limbs. When we would start off in the morning, it would seem as though our legs would snap off like pipe stems but after getting warmed up we could go it very well. We staid at York Town on the same ground that we had last spring and found everything just as we had left it. We marched from Hampton to Hereford Fens and then took the boats for Acquia Creek, then we got on the cars and came up here within half a mile of Fredericksburg. There is heavy firing this morning a good ways off and there is rumors that Jackson has driven our forces back. We have got orders to march again but cant tell where we shall go. I guess up the Pope. The country is beautiful here and I think it is a healthy place we are camped on a hill the most beautiful spot that I have seen. Has Harrington got home yet if he has I wish you would tell him to write to me. We had plenty to eat on our last march such as apples peas and peaches Eggs chickens pigs and Hot cakes. I stopped at one house and got supper, had ham and eggs warm biscuit and honey and a good cup of tea and what is more I sat down to the table in a chair for the first time in eight months. I am feeling better now than I have felt before this summer think the tramp did me good all of the boys are well now that are here. Cant think of any thing more to write about now have not had any mail in some time

Your Aff Son

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Direct your letters the same as you have all the while only add Morells Division.