

In Camp June 19th 1862

Dear Mother

I received your letter yesterday dated the 11th I think I must get your letters more regular than you do mine for I have written two letters a week for the last three weeks. We are in the same old camp yet and I guess we shall have to stay here some time yet. I do not think we have got any more long marches to make this summer. I think from the way things are working now that the next time we move our camp it will be to Garrison Richmond or else go home, but that is much too good and I shall not allow myself to think of it much for fear that things may take a turn and I shall have to stay my three years out. Harrington came back from York Town yesterday. I was surprised to see him for I thought that he was at home long before this he is looking very well and I guess he will get along if we do not have to make any long marches. I think if Lieut. Chase had had a little more courage he would not have been obliged to go home on account of his health. The opinion is here that he staid just as long as he dared to and I guess that is so. You ask what I think about the men having rations of whisky I do not think there has been any bad effects from it so far I know there has not in our regiment for we have not had any but three times and that was when we had been out in the rain and got soaked through. I think likely the man that wrote the article in the Utica Herald was some hypocrite that would drink more whisky than any man in the regiment for there is a great many of that kind here. There is not much going on here now except Artillery firing which we have considerable of here. I was out on picket the other day had lay within twenty rods of the rebel picket all day that is a little the closest I have been to them yet we laid there all day looking at them and they at us but there was no firing as it was the agreement between the pickets that we should not fire unless they begun it. They say that they do not like the way that Berdand's boys send the bullets after them. I cant blame them much for we have got some splendid shots in the regiment. I have not received the letter yet written by you and Gust. Tell Gust that I would send him a sample of the stock that we have here but I can't find one about my person just at present. I had some last week but have not got any on hand now. Harrington thinks he could find one in a few minutes if he thought it was necessary that Gust should have him but he thinks he can not spare them very well. Have you got my money yet I have not heard from it since it left presume it will get through all right. Cant think of anything more to write about at present. I think I will write to Aunt Libbie today. Give my love to all.

Your Aff Son

CJH