Camp, Lang Nov 16th - 1862

Dear Brther and Sister

I avail my self of the opportunity to inform you of my health and my wherebouts &c I am well and am in Camp Near garysburg 24 miles beyond Weldon, I have just returned a few days since from a bayage down East I was gone 5 days I was about 40 miles from Camp the y- landed near Hamblton and were advancing towards Weldon, but we began to run a pretty strong force down there from petersburg and our Caverly and they run back to water there was some of our company captured some little things from them that they had to drop got some 14 mules and a waggon or two, if they had not got to those gun boats we would give them fits they No 1000 we had a very ruff time when we left Camp the snow was 6 inch deep and very cold, I think the y- are determined to get to Weldon before long, there intention is to come up Ronake R- if they can, and from black water I am thinking they are going to have no pretty bad this winter, I think march will test the matter I think they intend to give us there best this winter, we, that is our Regt, will apperate from City point to Far R- we will be in that bounds all winter I donte no wither this place will be our winter quarters or not, I think it likley so if they donte make us skedadle from here, I cant brag on our leeders bravery nor their compitency Either I think ther skill is quite limited but that aint for me to say

The health of this Regt is very good considering the Exposure they have to indure Some is as good as barefooted and some very near naked, Some bare headed &c, our horses look very well notwith the Distemper and hard riding that they have done Raben is the hose among hoses, we get plenty of farage and I use it freaely, we ourselves are getting rations more bountifull than we did some time back, when we are out on pickett we fare domtiandly. When we were down on pickett last week we were in the neighborhood of the 17 and people gave plentifull, and it was heard breaking to see the distress amongst the fair ones I saw more tears than a few they would shout when they would see us coming and we would go out of hearing of them shouting and some moving away &c.

Jim Jessee & Harkey are all well.

I am very much obliged to you for your very lenthy Epistle. I want you to try your hand again and that pritty soon, and tell me if you want to sell Letsey Ann, and what is your price, ~~and~~ give the perticklar news of the neighborhood genarly I dont write much to no one fore I have no chance and my time is limited some what, May if R come write you make him write and you do the same and you would bestow a grat favor on me if you would make me a pr of lagons of some substantion cloth to keep my legs warm and send me something good Eats for I have a powerfull hankern after a change of food if you want to send me a small Box send it by Express to Weldon N.C. and tell me when you start it and I will get it, and I will send you the Cash back.

Give my love to Miss Martha, and to all inquiring Friends if there should be any, your Brother Dinson

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