

Y.
Took Town Sabbath Sept 1st

Dear Pa.

Your last letter was received eight or ten days ago. And I have written one letter home since I received it. I have been expecting a letter from some of you several days. Our Regt is still encamped in the same place. We are having expecting another member of our company (John Chapsman) to die. He has Typhoid fever in its worse form. The doctor says he can not live. There is only one of our company besides him who is sick much, and he has Pneumonia, but the doctor says he thinks he will get well. There are a great many of our

our men though who are in very poor health, and ought to be at home. Dr Warren says hereafter when he sees that a man is going to have Typhoid fever, he will try to get him off home. for it is hard for one to recover from it here.

There are a great many rumors afloat here. I hear that Lincoln has landed troops on the North Carolina shore and has taken a fort & 500 prisoners.

I hope it is not true,

We have had nothing like an attack here, and I am afraid we wont have. Our troops are very much scattered, only two regiments close to York town; the rest moved out on account of health. We that are here have pretty hard guard duty to perform. We have to stand so often. There are

so many posts and few men here. We have only about 30 or 40 men fit for duty, the rest are ailing. But I thank the Lord that he has given ^{me} very good health so far, and I hope he will continue to give it to me. I think a good deal of sickness is caused by bad & rough diet, but our mess foris well, and we keep pretty well. Kitt is on guard today. Dud will be on picket tonight and I on tomorrow.

I wish you could have seen us on drill the other evening.

Our whole Regt was drilling together and forming the line of battle in double quick time, and some of the men fell down and the others would run over them, and you never saw such a mess while we were double quicking around.

We had a general inspection
of all the troops on the peninsula
yesterday. I believe I have told you
of Drake Shappley's resignation.
I believe he was liked by all of the
men.

I see accounts in the Richmond
papers of rumors of battles in
Western Virginia and Missouri,
but we cant learn the straight
of it.

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We heard several days ago that
a British vessel had run the
blockade and had an encounter
with the blockading squadron.

I see and hear many reports
favorable to the South which
I hope are all true.

I think there is to be a protracted
meeting of some sort today in Richmond.

I have heard since I began this
letter that the man (who I said had
Pneumonia) was likely to die.

If we stay here during the winter
we will have to have cabins to stay
in for we cant stay in tents.