

Please give my love to Father and
the children and all inquiring
friends and receive a large share
yourself now dont neglect to write
as soon as you receive this and believe
me your affectionate son and
well wisher

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Dear Mother

absent neglected though not forgotten
I will now try to write you a few
lines to let you know that I
still live and am well and hope
this will find you all the same
It has been a long time since I have
written to you or heard from you
and there has been a reason for
my not writing one reason was
we had not been paid off for
six months and I could not
get postages stamps to put on a
letter hardly enough to send any
home and then there has been
a good deal to do here this spring
we have been up to Plymouth
about two hundred miles from
here and built a fort we were
gone there about six weeks and had

To work pretty hard they were expect-
ing an attack there and we had to
work Sunday and all ~~the~~ the rebs
were in force about thirty miles
from us at a place called Washington
(you have probaly read of it in the
papers) they were booming away
there for seventeen days fifteen
thousand against fifteen hundred
of our men they thought they had
got old General Foster that time
for a certain for he was there and
the river was blockaded so he
could not get out by land or
water without runing the blockade
which he did at last without
much loss there was only one man
killed and that was the pilot of
the boat but the old boat got
a pretty good riddling when the
rebs found he had gone to Newbern
they thought it best for them to
be moving for fear he might

come up in their rear with his
Newbern army and bay them.
There is not much news stirring
here just now everything is quiet
in this department though there is
stirring times in the army of the
Potomac I do wish this thing was
played out but I dont see as it is any
nearer to an end than it was one year
ago but I haint got but seventeen
months longer to stay so you see my
time is most out.
But I must close this this time and
before long I will write again to one
of the boys I had a letter from Othra
the other day and she wrote that
Father had had a fall and hurt him
very much I want you to write me as
soon as you get this for I want to hear
from you very much I hope he is better
ere this and will not be laid up as
long as he fears for it must make
it bad for you at this time.