

Camp near Bulian  
Creek July 14<sup>th</sup> / 63

Dear Father & Mother

I rec<sup>d</sup> your ever kind letter  
of June 26<sup>th</sup> when I was  
at White House Landing.  
Perhaps you have wondered  
and wondered why I have  
not written before, but I  
have been on the march  
for the last thirteen days  
and have had no opportunity  
to write. We have marched  
175 miles in the time.

From White House we went  
to Hanover Courthouse a  
distance of 45 miles and back  
from Whitehouse to Yorktown  
45 miles and from Yorktown  
to Hampton City 28 miles  
at Hampton we took the



Transport (Express) and  
arrived at Portsmouth  
about nine o'clock last  
night. We went from White  
House to Hanover Court house  
via King Wm<sup>5</sup> Court  
house and so on around  
keeping all the while  
about 25 miles from Richmond<sup>Rd</sup>.  
The first day we marched  
thirteen miles and camped  
in an oat field. The next  
day we marched only about  
eight miles and camped  
in a corn field. The reason  
we did not march any  
farther was because some  
of the boys in our Division  
went into a house and  
destroyed about \$5000 worth of  
property such as pianos



mirrors center tables &c,  
So they halted and had a  
drum head court martial  
The owner of the house had  
heard we were coming and  
had sput out for deeper  
water and left the house  
in care of a few of d darkies,  
But the boys being court martial  
did not amount to much as  
they were <sup>only</sup> kept under arrest  
a day or two and had their  
guns and cartridge boxes  
carried for them. The next  
day we marched all day and  
till eleven o'clock that night  
The fourth we marched to  
Hanover Court house, any one  
that had not been there  
would think it to be some-  
thing of a town, But all there



is there is a large brick  
in the woods  
building, no other house  
within a mile from there.  
That night our Regt were  
ordered out on picket and  
some of the other Regts  
of our division went six  
miles farther to Hanover  
Greenation. I presume you  
have seen an account in  
the papers of the brush  
they had there. The next  
morning we marched back  
to where we camped the night  
before and staid there till  
five P. M. when we started  
again we marched to most  
all night that night  
to a town call A. Letts. We  
arrived there about two o'clock  
in the morning, at five



O'clock we were on the road  
 again and arrived at King  
 Wm<sup>g</sup> Court House at one P.M.  
 The next morning (which was  
 the 4<sup>th</sup>) by day break we were on  
 the way again and arrived  
 at White House nine A.M.  
 The next day we started  
 for Yorktown via Williams-  
 burg arrived there Friday at  
 six P.M. Sunday morning  
 we again started for  
~~Fortress~~ Monroe but up at  
 Hampton City about  
 ten o'clock A.M. we  
~~waited~~ waited there for a Transport  
<sup>come &</sup> to take us to Portsmouth  
 and arrived at this camp  
 about ten o'clock.  
 At the place where we camped



the day ~~after~~ we came back  
from the Courthouse a boy  
in Co. B, died from the  
effects of being sun stricken  
His name was Backson

After we got back to White  
House, those that had sore  
feet (as a good many of the  
boys feet were badly blistered)  
and those that were sick took  
the Transport from there &  
came to Portsmouth;

Sergt Hinckley was one of  
the sick and died ~~before~~ on  
the boat. 40 have died and  
are missed from our division  
20 from our Regt. Some were  
not well enough to keep up  
with the Regt and staggered  
behind and died or taken  
prisoners by the Guerillas



they dont know which  
 Talk about the rebs ~~not~~ <sup>starving</sup>  
 out. We passed thousands  
 of acres of wheat corn & oats  
 The wheat and corn crops  
 looked good but the oats were  
 light. There were fields of  
 wheat & corn from 150 to 200  
 acres in a field. The wheat  
 was nearly all cut and  
 in shocks. When we came  
 back the cavalry burnt a  
 good deal of it. We had  
 plenty of blackberries to  
 eat while on the march.  
 We camped one or two nig<sup>s</sup>  
 where the ground was  
 fairly black with them.  
 The bushes do not grow  
 here as they do north. They  
 are only about a foot high.

on the way between  
 Mr. White, Sr.  
 & Stanover, B. St.



and run over the ground like  
 strawberries, When we passed  
 the farm houses the darkies  
 would run out and seem half  
 dead to death till they found  
 out who we was and where we  
 were going then they would be  
 as much pleased and tell  
 us we could take Richmond  
 sure. One old Gaxey headed  
 dark said he thought there  
 couldn't be any folks left where  
 we came from, an old woman  
 said she never seed so many  
 folks before since she was born  
 I stood the march first race  
 though it was pretty tough the  
 first day or two it was so  
 very hot, I sweat so that I  
 spoild all those postage stamps  
 you sent me, I would like to  
 have you send me a box of things  
 One of the boys in our Co recd  
 one the other night, He had some  
 butter dried apples dried beef  
 and chewing tobacco I should  
 like some off the same, Three or four  
~~lb~~ pounds of tobacco, I cant get  
 nothing but plug tobacco here  
 and it is unsubsorbable stuff, I  
 would like some green apples  
 if you have any fit to eat  
 and you may send any thing  
 you think of that will come  
 and not spoil, Direct it to  
 Portsmouth care of Col Bease  
 Co, Va, and the best way will  
 be to send by express as it  
 will come ~~quicker~~ quicker and  
 be more likely to get it.

Last Sunday we camped