

~~Sunday April~~
Sunday Afternoon
April 6th 1862

Dear Father Mother & Sister. It is a beautiful afternoon now. it is warm & the sun is shining pleasantly & a cool breeze is moving the trees about me (for I am in the woods) and the whole aspect of Nature is little in keeping with the scene that are being enacted at no great distance from me. All day so far I have heard the noise of war in earnest although our Regt has taken no part in the fighting yet. I presume you are reading ⁱⁿ the Palladium now about our late marches wondering what we are about to day but before I give you the details of the days operations I will finish up for yesterday. It was cool nice marching & we pressed on in the direction ~~over~~ the same road that we took the 27th of March & went 9 miles in little less than 3 hours & about 11 o'clock we took possession of a place called if I am informed right Shelmans Mill. Our Regt. deployed to the left of the road on which we were marching & went through a body of woods through thickets mud holes & over a fence. When we arrived in the open field we had not the