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dear sister

after a long time I get an opportunity of pening a few lines to let you know that I am yet alive but not in the best of spirits we have had a great deal of marching since we left Harisons Landing we marched down the paninsula to ~~at~~ New Port News and then took the boat and came to Hampton N. C. and then marched to chain bridge and from that to Centre vill and covered the retreat of Popes army back to Chain bridge we then went into Harinland and up the Potomac to where the great fighting was we did not have to fight in the ^{tains} moun but we had it hot enough at Sharps Burgh there we lost Chester Rhoads killed second Lieut Hill killed George Beers wounded George Waldrom wounded A Howenden wounded L Sawyer wounded O Bigalow wounded B Green wounded B Hemmitt slightly first Lieut prisoner corporal Fern prisoner we then marched to Harpers Ferry and crossed the river onto Boliver hights at which place we remain I do not know how long we shall stay here but I hope we shall stay here all winter for I have got sick of marching I got a letter from Hiram he was at Hampton and was not very well I have not heard from