

I Strasburgh May 16 1862

Dear Mother Sisters and Brothers

I received your letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you and to hear that you are all well and getting along with the work you must have got most through by this time Gen Banks Division have fallen back to Strasburgh for some reason or other the rebels are scarcely seen except Ashbys Cavalry whom we frequently have skirmishes with a party of the fifth N.Y Cavalry had a fight between New Market and Harrisonburg with two Companies of Ashbys men our men killed 14 of them wounded a number and took several Prisoners our men lost one man killed two ^{and} and one Prisoner they done most of it with their sabres which were not sharp one fellow said that they wilted right down when they struck them