

Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> 1863

Mama

Since I wrote you last we  
have moved around considerable and  
we are now in camp in a pine wood  
about 3 miles from Suffolk down the  
Roanoke River, but I presume we will  
not stay here more than a day or two  
for as yet we have marched about 200  
12 hours. I have not had a whole night  
rest since we came here, night before last  
on arriving at a place near here my  
Co was detailed to go on picket out on the  
banks of the River and as our position was  
a very important one we got little or no  
rest that night, our orders were to watch  
the the opposite shore and see if any attempt  
was made to Cross the river or lay a fort or  
bridge or any move made in the way of erecting  
a battery. I sent report every hour to Col. Donahoe  
how things progressed. very thing was as quiet  
as death all night but it was pretty cold  
and we all got pretty well chilled through.  
About noon yesterday the Enemy's Sharpshooters  
on the opposite shore commenced firing at  
us and at some other who were throwing up