

Fort Gray, July 10<sup>63</sup>

Dear Brother I now take this opportunity  
to answer your letter & I received the  
date 28 June I am well and hope this  
will find you the same I hope you will  
have better luck than we  
did last year up there you got up  
there easier than we did and I hope  
you are in Richmond before this  
time and I hope there wont be so much  
fighting as there was last year

I never was at White house we crossed  
at the Chickomine at Bottom bridge went  
to Savage station Fair Oaks Station  
had a fight  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile above Seven Pines  
and went back to White Oak Swamp

The 28 June 4 Co's of 76 - 1 Co 12<sup>th</sup> N. Y.  
Cavalry was going out to surprise the rebels  
at Gardeners Bridge about 15 miles from  
here we was to be ready at 8 evening we got  
out in line in a shower got well wet