

8th Regt W. Volt Co. A
June 19th 1863

Dear Sister Almada,

I will endeavor this morning to write a few lines to let you know that I am yet alive and enjoying very good health. We are still in the rear of Fort Hudson and still pecking away at the rebels - but have not gained much ground since the day we drove them out of the woods.

Last Sunday we were ordered to make a charge on their entrenchments; this was done some ways further to the left of the line than what our brigade are stationed of course General Wittzels brigade must go ahead; our brigade consists of the 8th Wt., 12th Conn., 75th, 114th & 160th N. York regts., to get up to the rebels we had to go over a piece of ground that is cut into 10000 little hills and ravines - all covered with fell timber crossed up in all directions; we got over most of this before they opened fire upon us much, but when we got up in good range of them they sent ball - buck shot and cold lead among us like a hail storm, and we were obliged to fall behind the hill logs and stumps to save our bacon; or rather we were ordered to do so, we held our position through the day and when night