



Recd Yrs 4<sup>th</sup> Regt. Vt. Inf.  
In camp near Newport News  
Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Parents

We shipped from Alexandria  
on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and on board the  
next morning. Came down to  
Fortress Monroe where we arrived  
at ten P.M. Next morning we  
landed at Hampton on what  
was Hampton before it was burned  
by the Rebels. We then went three  
miles up the James River  
and camped two nights  
Day before yesterday we went with  
a force of forty thousand fifteen  
miles up the James River  
driving in the Rebel Troops near  
Warwick who retreated in force  
burning a Bridge over a Creek  
to stop our progress