

Camp in the Field  
Near Richmond June 19<sup>th</sup> 1862

Half past Six P.M.  
Last night about 8 o'clock the  
Mass 16<sup>th</sup> Reg. on our left  
advanced beyond the Picquet  
line to reconnoiter for musket  
Batteries. They came suddenly  
and unexpectedly upon Rebel  
Rifle Pits one behind the other  
and glistening with streams  
of bayonets. The first victim  
our men had of the existence  
of Rifle Pits was a volley of bullets  
at four rods distance, though  
taken completely by surprise  
they forced upon the Enemy  
jumping right into the Pits in  
the face of ball and bayonet driving  
the Enemy back with heavy loss  
only a few rods further on