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Camp in the field 3 miles from Rapahannock Station 9 miles South of Warrenton and about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile from the Rapahannock river.

My dear Wife:-

Sunday morning - at sunrise with but a few minutes to write. Yesterday we moved about 7 miles southwards towards the Arabs. As they move off we follow up. I rec'd a letter from you day before yesterday which gave me much pleasure. It was dated July 26th. You speak of my writing often. You may rest assured that I improve every opportunity to write. (You seem to be very much astonished to learn that the returned Soldiers are content with body linen. Now out here they are considered one of the luxuries of Camp life. It is a daily sight to see the men and not uncommon to see some of the officers - with all their cloths off hunting for lice - and some an rich reward sometimes they vary in size from a common head louse to that of a grain of wheat. I am happy to say that I have not yet enjoyed this luxury. I sat last night till quite late looking at the