

3^d Div 6th Corps Hospital March 8th 1865

My dear Son,

I believe the last time I wrote to you I gave you a description of our line of works and how the troops got their supplies by a R. Road to. I think I told you how high the breast works were. There is one thing that makes these breast works very strong - or rather impregnable - that is the abbetter and trip wire. An abbetter is made of two logs with the limbs cut off about 4 feet long and these limbs are sharpened. These are stuck into the ground with their points towards the enemy and are placed so thick that a man cannot get through them. This is in a row parallel with the breast work. The trip wires are placed in front of the abbetter. They are woven in among the stumps brush & so thickly that a man cannot possibly get through them. The guns of our batteries are so placed that they can sweep every inch of the ground in front. If the enemy should attempt to take our works we could completely destroy him while he was trying to get through these obstructions. Now this is so

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