

April 6th

Camp in the Field in front  
of rebel Forts running fr  
Yorktown to James River  
April 6 1862

We have been on the  
move so much lately I have not had  
much opportunity to write  
We started for this place last Friday  
this is Sunday, Smiths Division in  
the advance. We took a place called  
Youngs Mills Friday, one of the strongest  
fortifications I ever saw. The enemy  
withdrew without much of any fight  
They had already taken off their Cannons  
when we got there. Saturday we ad-  
vanced to this place & opened with our  
skirmishers & artillery about noon  
Kept it up till near night. The enemy  
have a line of Forts across the peninsula.