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Dear Mother

Boards of the 30th come to hand last night it found me as usual and an other Union Victory is gained since my last York Town is ours and and two hundred prisoners I will try to give you a history of the battle as far as I know last Sabbath morn Chauncy Merrill & myself waked up the Sun had not risen but it was a splended morning we all three took a walk down to the batteries all was still not a gun to be heard we looked over to the Ennises works and all was still then we went back to the Company nothing going on unusual yet the Co falls in for breakfast stop what do we hear fall in under arms is the order we fall in without breakfast and the Regt starts & marches down when we three had ben there was General Smith and staff General Brooks and all the Officers of rank the