

No 5

June 5th

Camp near Grove Church Va

Dear Parents & Sister

Well we have settled down again for awhile & think of stopping a spell if we are not disturbed by the Rebs. We have moved back from where I wrote you last, to, within a mile of Grove Church. There is only our Brigade here & it seems lonesome enough for we cannot go outside of the Brigade lines anyway We are 23 miles from our old Camp. The other 2 Brigades of our Div are around here somewhere within a dozen miles each way. Furloughs are played out entirely now for awhile on account of the inspector saying we were not quite up to the standard of discipline We are cut off from all indulgences; but we cannot see

That we are cut off from much
for all the indulgence we have
had was 5 days furloughs & who in
the devils would worry much for
losing them. Probably we shall have
the restriction removed in a week
or so. We are fixing up here as
though we calculated to stop here
the rest of our 3 years. Flag staffs
put up & wooden buildings put
up, some of them were taken down
& brought from Falmouth

Our Brigade Commissary says we
shall stop here until the middle
of Sept if we are not drove out
We are about 40 miles from Wash-
ington, straight line through
Bull Run & Manassas & it is
my opinion there is where the
next big fight will come off
& if it is we will whip 'em
out of them

To-day is the 1st day we have had any mail but the line is established ^{now} so we will have it regular ^{now}

Hooker is a hell of a man to mention along with McClellan. No one thinks Hooker knows anything now & McClellan did have the credit of knowing something. He knows just enough now to keep still & wait for the Government to beg of him to save the Army; & he can do it. Hooker will run it into the ground yet & then some one will have to take hold that knows something, besides drinking whiskey. The 9 months men have done as much as I supposed they would. It takes 9 months or more to get a soldier disciplined so he will stand fire. The first impulse of a man when he is fired at is to run unless

He is a d-d fool. Some men may
be reckless enough so as not to care
whether they are hit or not, but I
dont believe there ever was a man
that would face a shower of shot
& shell & bullets from mere Bravery
If there was no afterpart no conse-
quences to fear in the event of their
leaving I believe officers & men would
be scarce sometimes. So bad about
Dicker's dying that squirrel holds
on well dont he

We have not been paid off yet but
expect to be soon I've not had
any No. 2 letter & only one paper with
becca We have plenty to do in Guard
duty Camp, Provost, Picket,
Prisoners, & Recruits from some
of the N York Reg^{ts} that have
gone home & these Recruits wanted
to go too but the Government did'nt
see it so; so they rebelled & it takes
about a hundred from the ~~day~~
Brigade every day to guard them

Yours Truly
H. Green