

Camp of the 123rd regt.
N. Y. S. V.

May ~~21st~~^{24th} near Stafford, C. H.
Virginia, 1863:

Dear Father:

I have just
come in from picket and as
I have time I think I will
write a short letter to you?
I am in excellent health at
present, and I hope this
may find you and the
family all enjoying the same
blessing? The boys are all well
and although since the late
battle we have made up our
minds that a three years job
is ours yet we are not
depressed in spirits at all,
and we are enjoying ourselves
as well as can be expected,

we are bound to make the
 best of our situation whether
 it be good or bad and we
 think the prospect is good for
 our having employment in
 our present line of business
 for the period of three years
 from our starting points
 and if we get home then
 or sooner we shall call it
 our good luck? and you
 may well believe that we
 shall be well satisfied with
 either? everything is quiet
 around camp and we ^{are} lying
 about in the ~~shade~~ ^{trying to keep}
 from being roasted by the
 hot sun. a party of about
 twenty of us had a chase
 after a party of bush
 whackers the other day we
 followed two miles beyond
 our picket line but did

not succeed in getting
a shot at any of them!
Larnow is with us again
he is not wounded but
is all right a piece of
shell struck him in the
side but only knocked him
down he was taken
prisoner and now on
parole? he says that the
rebs were very kind to
our wounded and took
all the care of them they
could! I wrote to you
about some money that
you can get at Mr Allen's
it is forty dollars that
is now my due! This is
the third or fourth time
that I have written about
it but I have never heard
anything about it yet please
see if its all right and

let me know? I have
received some papers
from John and some
envelopes tell him to
send a few sheets of
paper in the next one
he sends we have the
best of news from the
southwest tonight but
I will close by sending
my love to you and
the family good bye
for this time write
soon from your affectionate
son Henry W.



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