

Camp 147<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Vols near Hatchers Run Va.

Sunday Eve, March 26<sup>th</sup>/65

Dear Parents,

Who said I was sick – I did not tell you so, neither was I only a little off of the hooks for a few days about the time that John came back, I am now all right, and the reason I did not tell you, was for the reason that it was of so little importance that I did not think it of any account.

Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> came to hand last night, and found me with the rest of our folk. just returned from a Jaunt of only one day. though rather tired & ready for rest & sleep. yesterday morning the Rebs tried to stir up & a considerable of noise was made.

Soon after daylight, orders came for us to Pack up & move; We left Camp in light marching order & went to Park Station in rear of the 9<sup>th</sup> Corps where the fracas was then going on. But as our troops there thrashed the Rebs without any help. we returned to camp, but only to het knapsacks &c [etc.] & then off again. Our Div[ision] was then Reviewed by the President. After this we went to where the 6<sup>th</sup> Corps were having it with the Johns, but not to take any part as luck had it for once, to them back to camp. – The Rebs made Several charges on our line, and were nicely whiped [sic], at each point, though they were at it most all day. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps took advantage of one of these charges which was made on them and chased them back and took their works which is still held, Various rumors are affloat [sic] as regards the amount of loss on the Reb Side, at any rate they were nicely whiped [sic], & lost a large No [number] of Prisoners – our loss was not very heavy as the Rebs made the attack each time. I saw one lot of Johns that were taken. They looked like men from evry [sic] Part of the country, as far as clothing is concerned all colors and styles prevailed.

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Well, after, we came to camp last night, - we had orders to be ready to fall in at any moment, But, for all this we went to bed and Slept, lite [sic], we were aroused by the Drums this morning. nothing more of any particular importance disturbed our quietude till this afternoon when it was “Pack up” & fall in again; Well we done do but are here yet. but our Arms are stacked in line & things all packed up except tents, & we are supposed to be ready to “fall in” in no time, or less - . Since yesterday morning we have taken our tents down & put them up. three units, & now the orders are to go, or when we are to start I can’t tell you any more than I have, But without doubt, we will go Somewhere Soon and fight will probably be the consequence.

The Armies of “Sherman” and “Sheridan” are moving forward the great “Eye Sore,” if “Grant’s” army and the Rebs will have to draw their hole in after them before long or they will be dug out, I reckon. But there will be Some hard digging I think before it will be all through.

But in times like these we can only hope for the best, & wait the result. I have written two letters to you before this, which you had not rec[eived] when you wrote your last, but probably have reached you before this. Unless the flood has drowned [sic] the Car –

It seems that you have a liver exertment [sic] with you occasionally if nothing more than rascality working out –

I am glad to learn of your good health & hope it will continue.

Hope Aunt Juliette will be better the next news I hear.

Burch is at City Point yet –

The package of medical Pothneary [apothecary]&C [etc.] has done me all sorts of good; yes indeed.

Please write soon & often –

With this I close for now.

Respects to all,

Your affectionate Son AH Tibbals