

virginia camp near white oak Church
December 28 1862

Do. J. Will

Dear mother and brother this day
finds me as well as usual I have
not been very well for four or
five weeks but am on the game now
so I think I will get along I was
excused from fatigue duty one day
I have done my duty except that
I suppose you know that we have
been dragged from place to place we
have traveled the roughest and poorest
country that I was in virginia is
worse than the mountains the land
along the rapahannock river around
fredericksburg as fair as I have seen
is beautiful country fredericksburg
was a beautiful city before we
stole it but now is a desolated place
I suppose you know we was in that
fight the most of the fighting was
artillery we crossed the river Friday
morning about on night below Frederi-
cksburg down in line of battle we
was in line all day Thursday on
this side you had orders to cross
the river Thursday night but orders

was countermanded. and we marched
back in the woods that night in
the morning we crossed as I said.
before Saturday morning we were
rushed in front to a great battery.
The battery was on a high hill we
was about four rods behind it
on the hill we were there
until Sunday morning we were
relieved and sent back. About eight
was in the road the rear of the
division was on our right and left
the shot flew around us rather
thick one killed four or three
shots wounded four or five right
sharply about three o'clock the
rushed I from the main body
~~was~~ but we were exposed
but was done both by our
skirmishers so we had no change
at then we lay in the road until one
day morning there was but in the night
at bright we crossed the river we were
the first regiment that must write
as soon as you get this I want you
to write the regiment that troops below
you and all see that I can write to him