

Sept 7, 1863

must be to the traitors of the North
I have been sent to my Regt. we are
in camp on the south side of the
Rappahannock about one mile from
Sulphur Springs there is not much
to change the monotony of camp life
we have to go out on picket about
once in ten days and stay three days
we never have any trouble with the
Reb pickets but when any ^{other} Regt. of our
brigade are out they are always in
trouble Saturday night one of the
Penn. Regt. was attacked by the Rebs
and driven in on to their reserves
we received orders to pack up and
be ready to march at a minute notice
we were in readiness until eight o'clock
the next morning and then we
were ordered to go into camp again
our Regt. bears the best name of
any Regt. in the field it is rather
small at present only about three
hundred effective men but we
have men at home after conscripts

to fill it up.
the weather has been very hot for
the last six weeks and there has been
but very activity in the army but
it is getting cooler and it begins to
show some signs of life I think
before Sept. is out that we shall
move in what direction I know
not I think that fall will
use the rebellion up we are getting
then driven in to rather close
quarters if Gilmore is successful
at Charleston much I have no doubt
of and Rosecrans drives Bragg out
of Tennessee and Banks takes
Mobile they will eventually be
in a bad fix their army is
melting away and they have
no means of filling it up
their chances of success are entirely
very small and growing smaller
every day.

I have not seen your brother
since the battle of Gettysburg

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he is some eighteen miles
from here

I see by the papers that John
with several others
Farrell has been drafted I would
like to have them come into
our Regt. more union

your truly

B. F. Young

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Sunday
W. L. F.

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Head Quarters 1st Ill. Cav
Sulphur Springs Va Sept 7/63

Friend Richards

Yours of August 14th was received by
due care of mail I was glad to hear
that you were getting better to day being
election day I hope that you are able to
see your eyes. I hope you and the union
loving voters of the old Pine tree
State will be able to squelch
the Copperhead sentiment so that
they will never dare to rise their
heads again I think they are the
most enemy that the soldier has
and me at home if I should
hear them make any of their
treasonable talk I would shoot
them as quick as I would the
wildest reptile that crawls
as for the Government I think that
it is strong enough to put down
this infernal rebellion and then