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B. F. Young

Camp Near Petersburg July 5/64  
 Friend Richards  
 it has been some time since I  
 have written to you I have had  
 a very good dinner and feel pretty  
 well so I thought that I would  
 write you a few lines.  
 you will see by the heading of  
 this paper I am I have been here  
 about three weeks I am not  
 with our Regt. but I am with  
 about seven hundred of our  
 Division that left Washington  
 about the 1st of June and have  
 not been able to get to our Regt.  
 yet we have been on the left  
 of the army ever since they  
 moved across the James river  
 we have had four Regts.  
 with the Regt since we have  
 been here but the 3rd Regt is

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of Cavalry have got all of  
 the two above are close together  
 now the intention seems to be  
 that Grant's intention to open on  
 them tomorrow morning that he  
 he has got a good many heavy  
 guns & most of his position  
 if he does open on them move to  
 the position the reach of  
 his guns  
 we are now cannonading  
 along the line and at intervals  
 heavy musket fire sometimes it will  
 last but a few minutes at other  
 times it will last three or four  
 hours the Rebels make an assault  
 on some part of our lines but  
 have been repulsed every time  
 two or three times their loss  
 in killed and wounded has  
 been pretty full I have not

Adm. P. M.

See any thing of the  
 this summer so I cannot  
 give you any information  
 about your brother  
 I expect to get to my Regt.  
 soon

write soon  
 yours truly

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