

July 3, 1864

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B. F. Young

Camp near Petersburg Va July 3rd 1864
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

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this paper I am I have been here
about three weeks I am not
with our Regt. but ~~but~~ I am with
about seven hundred of our
Division that left Washington
about the 4th 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 fights
with the Rebs since we have
been here but the 3rd Division

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the praise of it.

The two armies are close together
now the impression seems to be
that Grant's intends to open on
them tomorrow morning. He has
he has got a good many heavy
guns & mortars in position
if he does open on them move to
the left within the reach of
his guns

we can hear cannonading
along the line and at intervals
heavy musketry some times it will
last but a few minutes at other
times it will last three or four
hours the Rebs 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 sightfull I have not

see any thing of the 19th
Regt. this summer so I cannot
give you any information
about your brother
I expect to get to my Regt.
soon

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yours truly

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