



GENERAL

McCLELLAN.

Head Quarters 2nd Regt N.Y.M.
3 miles in Advance
of New Kent Court House
Va May 19th 1862

Dear Mother

Again I take the trouble to
inform you that I am well and
on my way to Richmond we left our camp
at ~~Fort~~ Brick House Point on the Potomac
river on the 13th and marched about
72 miles through mud ankle and sometimes
knee deep and it rained hard all the
time so when we went into camp
we were drenched with water & mud and
so tired that we could not hardly stand
up we stayed there until yesterday
when we left and marched about 6 miles

which is nearly 3 miles in the
advance of a town called "New
Kent-Count House" is about one mile
this side of the town we passed a
house with a peace flag displayed on
a pole at the gate. on the porch
sat the old farmer & his wife and two
daughters big clumsy overgrown awkward
looking things. These are the first
inhabitants that we have seen since
being on the Pamlico and if they
are specimens of Southern Beauty then
I have seen all I want to see of them. I
would do you good to see some of these
country chimney Awdhards - fairly
unsophisticated flaxen haired "gals"

I have written to Archy twice and
have received no answer but I
suppose he is minding like myself and
has no time. Sedgwick's division is the
Reserve division of the Corps and we
always keep from 2 to 10 miles in the rear

and we do not participate in a
fight unless the Advance gets Beten
Back then we have to get in front and
fight I suppose we will be in
Richmond before the month is ended
Some of the Boys are betting that we will
be in in York by the fourth of July
but I don't honestly think so.

I suppose we will have been wounded
I will write again in a few days
-Tom Cruise is in good health I have
been trying to get him to let his mustache
grow out - but he won't. he is one of the
best fellows you ever saw he is free easy
and careless the troubles nobody and nobody
seems to trouble him, if I have time
I shall write to father today Good Bye

Yours Truly
H C Parry Co C
2nd Regt N Y S M
German Brigade
Washington D C

W. C. C. C.

Head Quarters 2nd Reg. NYSM
3 miles in Advance
of New Kent Court House
Va May 19th 1862

Dear Mother

Again I take the trouble to inform you that I am well and on my way to Richmond we left our camp at Brick House Point on the Pomunkey river on the 15th and marched about 12 miles through mud ankle and sometimes knee deep and it rained hard all the time so when we went into camp we were drenched with water & mud and so tired that we could not hardly stand up we stayed there until yesterday when we left and marched about 6 miles

which is nearly 3 miles in the advance of a town called New Kent-Court House about one mile this side of the town we passed a house with a peace flag hoisted on a pole at the gate. on the stoop sat the old farmer & his wife and his dawters by clumsy overgrown awkward looking things. They are the first inhabitants that we have seen since being on the Peninsula and if they are specimens of Southern Beauty then I have seen all I want to see of them it would do you good to see some of these country clumsy Awkward gawkey unsophisticated flaxey haired "gals" I have wriiten to Archey twice and have received no answer but I suppose he is marching like myself and has no time. Sedgwicks division is the Reserve division of the corps and we always keep from 2 to 10 miles in the rear

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be in New York by the fourth of July
but I don't honestly think so
I suppose we will leave here tomorrow
I will write again in a few days
Jim Crane is in good health I have
been trying to get him to let his mustache
grow out but he won't. he is one of the
best fellows you ever saw he is free easy
and careless & he troubles nobody and nobody
seems to trouble him. if I have time
I shall write to father today. Good Bye

Yours Truly

A C Penny Co E

Gormans Brigade

or Elswhear Washington D.C.