

Laying in Rifle Pits
Before Hancock Junction Va.
Tuesday May 24th 1864
Friend Edgar,

As the boys are writing
I thought I would send you a line to let
you know how the 36th Me is getting
along. We are all well only some tired.
We have been continually marching and
making fortifications for the last ten
days with a good prospect of doing
so more. We arrived here safe last
night about 3 o'clock P.M. and was
ordered to support the 1st R. I. Battery
which we did until darkness closed
upon us, there was nothing but Artillery
until about dark when Gen Birney's
Division charged upon and took a small
fort. We have pretty near all the army

of the Potomac here, and Gen Lee
is in front with all the forces he
can muster, And to day there has
been Artillery playing all the time,
but as yet no one has been hurt
out of our Brigade. "We are laying
where it is so hot we can hardly breathe
but still all the boys are in good
spirits", As I write there is so
much firing that the air is almost
suffocating with powder smoke. We
are expecting every minute to be
called upon to take a hand in
the fight. Well Ed I wish you
would write soon and tell me
all the news, as I haven't heard
a word from home since I
left there But I must close

this time hoping I am as
lucky as to be through this
campaign to see you once
more Give my love to all
enquiring friends

I am as Ever
John W Dick

To E Dick