

Camp Advance  
Sept. 28, 1861

Dear friends,

Here I am once more upon the sacred soil of Old Virginia. We came here yesterday and are now encamped about four Miles from the rebels. The 79th Highlanders are in the next field to us and I am going over to see Mr. Rizer today - [unreadable] is here, too, a Captain in Bakers Regiment. We are throwing up fortifications all around so that we are perfectly safe and can whip all they bring against us. So, dear Mother, do not be alarmed. I will take the best care of myself possible and will only go where duty calls me. Our boys are all well and anxious to show their mettle. I am satisfied they will do their duty. Your letter was received yesterday. Hunter is a private and needs no clothing. The government supplies him. I will write again. Deliver enclosed. Direct letters to Company C 47 Regt. P.Y.I. Washington D.C. God bless you all.

Yours,  
Shindel