

Camp Scott
June 21st 1861

Dear Brother

I now have a few unemployed moments so I employ them in writing to you.

I am in good health at present.

Our Company arrived at Camp the next day after leaving Jamestown. We are incamped on Staten Island which is surrounded by salt water. There is on this camp ground over four thousand men. This morning our Company was sworn in. There were six who would not take the oath and are now in the guard house waiting to be drummed out of camp. I like living in a tent first rate and take it all together. A soldiers life is just such a life as suits my fancy. We do not get quite as good living here as we would at home but still we get good wholesome vitals and plenty of it. We get all the cloths that a soldier need ask for.

This a very pleasant place here but very warm weather. There is good prospect of plenty of fruit and cherries are now ripe.

I expect that this Brigade will be filled up and leave for the south in the cours of a month.

We have but very little to do here. We have to drill only four hours a day. I mess with my own boys from Oak Hill and we have a jolly good time.

I must now close. I send my best respects to Mr. Prestons folks. Write as soon as you get this direct to me in care J. M. Brown, 3 Regt, Excelsior Brigade, Camp Scott, Staten Island.

Good by, kiss the girls once a week for me. This from your Brother Amos.