Walmart Hills, in rear of Lookout M.,
Fort Hall, near Richmond.
June 4th, 1863.

My Very Erudite Brother, I have made a slight mistake
in the localising of the date of this letter. I fear I make the
amendment honorable by informing you that Walmart Hills
are in our extreme right, and only partially occupied by
a small part of our forces, the balance being in the possession
of the Rebel, or more properly speaking, intermeddling, for fearful
of Great Britain, I have not the least doubt, but you have cause to
complain. But you have just to go through the following
offensive cabling the difference between you and us. However,
may hold Peter's House, as with all the other city deliveries, things
you can think of, or as the preacher said it is damned hot,
and if the river there, I would be very happy to say, you are right
in fellowship, and no match.

One day later, I could not proceed with the writing of this letter, but there was
Two men from the 36th Kansas, infantry, managed to
come this way, and as we had to listen to the three platoons,
They came in from the strong in our rear. They are a
part of Burnside's forces. They say that all the troops under
Burnside have great confidence in him. They say there
are 15,000 men in our rear. So we have nothing to fear
from fire in our rear. For if there was any word of it we
could spare as many as 500, men from the force here,
on the 2nd of July at five o'clock in the evening. The last
Ford on our left, about four hundred yards distant was blown up
a heavy firing was immediately commenced along our line in
which we joined; at the instant the Ford was blown up a
portion of Logan's Division rushed in and took possession
with a heavy fire loss of 10 men, but I believe severe on
the Officer. We raised the Devil with Reckless after.

we fired about 30 rounds. We shifted, josting and looked at
the fight. The bravery displayed on both sides was not, or could
not be beaten by any troops in the world. Handgrenades were
freely used on both sides and our men hardly held their
ground. Shovelled dirt put up sand bags and timbers to hinder
the Sharpshooters. It was the 25th Mississippi and the 20th Mo.

supported by the Seventeenth in Reserve. That did the
work. Night of the 25th Brigadeer Nanemore came to our
gun and requested us to drive out a nest of Nips. That were
throwing Handgranades. Not in our entrenchments, he gared us
the wood, where the Nips were. And Blumpt the whole and
Cage fight among them. And fired them up. For that night
the popped magazine. Very much,

The line of the fight. There was one or two narrow escapes
on our gun. One Bullet hit it and threw the spare Charge-like,

The Night of 25th there was none very narrow escapes from
Breck Bullet. But owing to our being under crossfire from Nips.

if we are in danger often from the premature explosion
But there has been none of us hurt. Just. On the evening of the lovely

seventh, a Reckh gun opened on the Fort. We here partially raken
and we with a half dozen round or so dried it up, and there was
Peace. for a short time, that gun has not opened in that place since
There is nothing going on in two different places. But there is no use
in knowing too much. We have had some good times even if were
under fire all the time. There are regular Artillery shells, going
on very nearly all the time. Our Sergent has just come,

from one of the Founders a Reckh gun opened on them,

we made reply, but none how Reckh dont work. There
guns near so well as our others. at 9:00 P.M. we ceased.
your note will put these through the rebel port hole.
three days out of five, we know this to be so, for we can see
being right in the line of travel. The 8.4 Rods at this
first 2nd, 3rd, 4th morning and 5th the fire and over the
rebels works. The other three went into the port hole, and that
port hole is about 1/4 of a mile from our large gun. We can
hear lots of heavy thing but they are too coarse to tell generally
very vague. So the best to keep them out of circulation.
The left of our line has made very close advances to
the rebel lines, and are digging trenches up to the various forts on
their front. We are likely soon be roam into richmond
and that without much loss of life, our army as a
general thing is healthy. and there is not a word of complaint
as for us. I can learn, and every one is helpful of the war that
rages here day. I think it will not be a great while before we
have another row, and then will be hard a time for recess as the
past one. There has been as many as five hundred men carried off en route
at that one place, our loss didn't amount to these hundred or all.
The rebels are getting depliable, and the country between here and the
city is very much Union comb'd with rifle pits, and trenches.
I have not the least doubt But porter makes truth when he says
that richmond is stronger than salzburg. for Pumps of the
job that our guns play on were of stone, not instead of King Cotton
and silk. We would have had them knocked, its success long ago.
But we do not despair for if it were needed our boys could go on
But it is not needful for them to storm the place, General
attestation will soon begin full command. inside the places
Lem. J. Grant, was all around the central line of the town
yesterday. He was in our gun room, and from his manner
you would have thought him a very unpretending Private, he was very thoughtful, and I think he is working out some plan to raise the Devil with Secord, for a few words exchanged between him and one of his Staff printed so much. The clothes worn by him are very coarse, also. But more careful, of themselves than Grant, he worked and seemed very much. I am very glad Father did not take the job. Cotton has got away. And, if there is any trouble to be anticipated, I know on what side you will be. Most as you would shoot at a dog carrying off one of Father’s lambs. I am very for the Dorf. fellow in Lebanon, I do not think any such thing would have happened, to Father. But it would hardly ever be a bit of cotton get a little of the same baize. I am looking for a letter from Father very day. What is Mother doing? It is very seldom, we hear of her or the a movement. Give my love to all. In many days or months. She has quit writing. I am afraid I may not trade as I will quit. Good by for the present.

Believe me your affectionate Brother

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