

Fort Schuiler

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Dear Friend i write these few lines to let you know
ware i ^{had} got to, i have very sorry that i could not write
suner, the will not let no one come down ore i would
come down and see you, i hope to see you before i go if it
is possible i do not know wen that will be, but it wont be very
long, we have not got oure uniforms yet but we expect them
ever day; we have got some of ~~the~~ ^{the} arms but not all, i have
been knocked a boubt a great deal i joined the 13th Reg, first
and i was with them 4 weeks and then it smashed up
and now i am in the 1st Long Island Reg, of Brooklyn
the grub is very good we get fresh meat 4 times a week
and Pork 3 and plenty of Fresh Bread and coffee, all i
apt to say is that we have got some very bad officers, the are
all to young we have one or two good ones and thats about all
i am in the write Flank company Captain Foster 1st I.I. volenters
Please write and let me no how you are, and how is Buiness

Yours Respectfully

Thos Atkins