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Dear Parents

I write you these few lines to let you know how I am getting along. My health is good. We are having another scrape with the rebels. They have made their appearance between here & Newbern and had some fighting as I heard heavy firing yesterday. All communications are cut off by railroad between here & Newbern. The rebels have torn up the tracks, the rumor is that the down train was captured yesterday. We have making considerable preparations for a start. Outside we have unmoored ships and taken up the port anchor on the bar. Our folks are afraid the rebels will get on Roanoke Island and if they do they can raise the devil. They have been busy all day rigging kites & a