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Camp in the Field

May 21st 1864

Dear Sister

I have received your letter; And was glad to hear from you especially at this time. Since that time letter was written we have passed through another campaign of terrible fighting the battle raged with great fury for eight days. Our losses have been very heavy equal to if not greater than that of the rebels: But I do not intend at present to give you a detailed account of the battle. But merely to let you know that I am safe. We are still in line of battle with our pickets

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thrown out in front not knowing what moment we may be called into action. However if they let us lie quiet for a few days more we will get out safe. We are to go back to the state on the 31st and it is said by some that we will go back to the rear three or four days sooner to organize the veterans and recruits I think it altogether probable. There is at present no likelihood of a fight the rebel pickets and ours appear to be on very good terms meeting halfway and exchanging papers and so on. They are almost within a stones throw of each other. We can see their camp and hear their bands very plainly.

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In our Co we had three killed and five wounded killed Swartz Record and Martin wounded Bills Hildebrand Meredith Hamilton Murritts Meredith has since died making four dead. Tell the folks that Love Hart Tomb Kerr and all our mess are safe.

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Yours in love

Tom

write soon my love to all