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Camp in the Field
May the 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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