Camp near Battle's Point
Saturday Evening 30th

My dear Sarah,

We arrived there last night after several days heavy marching and no fighting. Breakfasts were under fire all our afternoon. Some of the enemy's shells coming quite near enough for safety, I have not time to give you a detailed account of our journey (as we are making preparations to move at day light commanded morning.)

I have several reports that must be handed in before that time, but will do so at the earliest opportunity.

I do not know in what
Correction we are to move
but probably to the front.
When we arrived here we
at length the Campaign was
through and we were going
into Winter quarters, but it
seems we were mistaken.
I presume you have seen
accounts of the proceedings
of the Army in the papers but
I can assume you, they are
a very fine criterion to judge
from, as far as I have seen.
And very false or imperfect
as any the least in many respects.

There is a report that the
Regular Brigade is to leave the
field as soon as the fall Campaign
is through, but my information is
that we will not leave as long
as there is a man left.
I will write you again in

& few days as soon as
we get into Camp Dated,
then I will inform you some-
thing about our march what
we saw &c.
I have had no means of
writing an this march as I
was out in pickets when the
left Camp and consequently
Could not get any paper. Besides
I amused myself by getting a letter
written back to him written and
this is my first opportunity but
I hope I must not the last.
Remember me to all, and accept
a good wish.

Affectionately,
 yours until death

P.S. Have just received your
letter of the 28th of this. Am happy
to learn that you are getting well.
of your care. And as you say you was not careful & care not, & take it for granted as if it.

Hope you may not have any occasion to be an expense for & do not consider it

safe for any person lower

riding and healthy to ride

steam cars at this season of

the year with open doors.

Effectionately

Your Son

James