Camp near New Baltimore
Sunday night Oct 21st 1863

My dear Sarah,

Think not that you are forgotten because I have not written to you for several days. The fact is I have had neither the time nor opportunity as you will readily perceive when I tell you how my time has been occupied.

We have been almost constantly upon the march since I left on the morning of the 10th. Before any time for rest in one place for we have not stood all night in any one place since that time. Will endeavor to give you a brief sketch of our march about left camp near Laurelville at 2 o'clock A.M. on the 10th of Oct.
March 15th, 1865

Dear John,

I hope this letter finds you well. I write to you to share some news of the events that have unfolded in these past few days.

As you know, the situation on the battlefield has remained tense but, to our relief, the Union forces have managed to gain some ground. The enemy's strategy ofattrition is beginning to累了 an effect, and their forces are seen retreating in small numbers.

I cannot express to you the depth of the emotions I feel watching the battle unfold. The sound of cannon fire and the sight of smoke rising into the air is a sight to behold, but it is also a reminder of the sacrifices that are being made.

I am also writing to you about the plans for the future. The President, Mr. Abraham Lincoln, has called for a peace conference to be held in the near future. We are all hoping that this will be the turning point in the war.

I do not know when I will next be able to write to you, as the lines of communications are being stretched thin. But know that your letter is cherished and read with great fondness.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Days the enemy approaching from the direction of Warrenton. Gen. Warren with the 1st Corps was ordered to meet them which he did efficiently. 

Past at Clark at a little before it was thought the enemy were a little too strong and the 1st Corps were ordered not to support them.

We marched from Manassas to Bristow Station on quick time.

Got there just in place to see the Rebel prisoners come in but did not participate in the fight.

Since that time we have been on the march from Centreville to Fairfax and it we know among the roads thoroughly having been over six times and some days we have marched 14 miles if we could march on day time I think it would be a decided advantage but it has been our
continue to march in the mud and through the rain which did not add much to comfort. The 16th at 7 O\'clock P.M. we were called for muster for Harpers Ferry and spent the night on the 2d Bull Run Battery ground. I went in company with Capt. Barry of our Rgt. to visit the fort here occupied by the Rgt. on this memorable day. And there saw sights I shall not forget. For many places saw Shrills feet,Arms &c. exposed to the wind. Where they had been thrown and partially covered. On one place I saw where 175 men of one of the N.Y. Rgts had been buried and many of them exposed as above stated. I would not like to be hurried upon the battle field as there any of my friends. March not when it would open much of my experiences on camp life for the cold has done but to extinguish lights but I shall finish this and sleep. I have slept several nights on the open field without anything.
And my blanket and my singed furnished quilts.

Such as Camp Life; but yet I would not find any fault for I am not alone. Only wish this some of our boys had to this and fare the same for the brave but little feeling for the poor Soldier who has to march with a heavy backpack upon his back as one have marched day and night for the last two days one day we marched 84 miles.

I can assure you I was pretty well used up, but am becoming used to such marches.

We leave here in the Muddy. I think for Manassas but am nothing about it. Only hope the Army get into Camp for a few days that the men-whether worn out can get rested.
Received two letters from you
to-night also one from Liun
and one from John Walker.

Think your brother and
sister spoke with your
children present. Did she say anything
about receiving my watch?

Present to Barker about
two weeks ago, or the night I
left Camp for Roxbury First
It was a Waltham watch
No. 84914. Did not feel secure
with it in Rebellian at the time.
I did not like to trouble
him with it, but did not know
what else to do. Have not had
time to write him an explanation
and furthermore have not had
proper until this evening when
our wagons came up.

Con sent out bids to the brick
and some other clamps at
present. Have just got a supply.
from town, they are not
very plenty in Camp, Infact
the only Army provision is hard bread. And I feel very
thankful for even that. The
only far one only. When we
were out of provisions.
On other occasions I have
not liked for it-
Cannot write more this
time but will try and write
more clearly latter when we
go into Camp and can turn
pen and paper with something
besides a blanket for a table.
Remember once kindly to all-
Hope you will have a fine
visit in Ry.
Remain as ever
Devotedly yours
James