Camp near Battle's Station
Saturday Evening Nov 6

My dear Sarah,

We arrived here last night after several days heavy marching and no fighting. Although we were under fire all one 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 tomorrow 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
direction we are to move but probably to the front.
When we arrived here we thought 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 assure you, they are
a very poor criterion to judge
from, as far as I have seen
and very false or imperfect
to say the least in many respects.
There is a report that the
Regular Brigade is to leave the
field as soon as the full Campaign
is through, but my impression is
that we will not leave so long
as there is a warm life.
I will write you again in
a few days as soon as we get into Camp U. S. T. I. Then I will inform you some
thing about our march what we saw &c.
I have had no means of
writing on this march as I
was out on picket when they
left Camp and consequently
could get no paper besides
I could not have got a letter
mailed and it been written. And
this is my first opportunity but
I hope I trust not the last.

Remember me to all, and accept
a good many kis.

Affectionately,
Yours until next

Camp,

(P.S.) Have just received your
letter of the 29th of Nov. Am happy
to learn that you are getting well
of your cold. And as you say you were not careful of your
health if for that reason, but hope you may not have any
occasion to be an exposed again for I do not consider it
safe for any person however strong and healthy to ride in
these cars at this season of
the year with open doors.
Affectionately,
Your friend.
James.
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