

Head Quarters Land Brigade  
Camp Near Harrison Landing Va  
July 19, 1862

From Samuel Morey  
To Lieut W. W. Henry

Dear Friend In which I

hope that I may have the pleasure in calling you by that name  
Sir it has been never my good luck to correspond with many of  
those of whom I should be glad to do so - but Sir by the link  
of your humble servant William Brewster I shall improve a  
few moments in writing <sup>to</sup> some who always felt a deep interest  
in the welfare and happiness of Company D

I suppose Sir by this time you have received the full accounts of the  
six days desperate fighting near Richmond - I have being  
so many things during the time that - by trying to give you a  
full account of what was going on in our Division and in others  
it would be a task that I am not capable of doing and even  
it would be a perfect failure in me to describe <sup>the scenes and</sup>  
horors of the Battle field - by making my words as short as  
possible I will give you <sup>a few</sup> extracts of the bloody conflict  
on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> the enemy commenced a attack on the right  
near Mechanicsville about 2 o'clock thus keeping a terrific fire of  
artillery and musketry untill nine that night - during this time our  
men drove them causing a frightfull slaughter among the foe  
early next morning the contest was renewed by Porter Meall and  
Stouckem Divisions the enemy coming on with over pouring  
numbers but still our true soldiers keep them in check untill about