

July 6, 1862

Camp Near Harrison's Landing Va  
on the James River July 6<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear parents,

I take this opportunity to write a few words to you this morning to let you know that I am well and still in the land of the living. I presume that you have heard of our retreat across the peninsula to the James River. The rebels followed us very closely so that there was a fight every day along some portion of our lines yet our brigade was in only one fight and that was on Sunday night the 29<sup>th</sup> of June near Savage Station and I tell you the bullets and grape shot flew thick and fast around us some of them passed very close to me yet I was not hurt.