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June 26 1862
Fair oak Battle Field
Dear Sister
I take this opportunity of writing to you to inform you that I am well at this time hoping this may find you the same. Yesterday was a very Stiring day indeed. Early in the morning the Rebels made their appearance in large numbers first Driving in our pickets and then attacked one of our Batteries but they were Repulsed. But they still made it their Buisness to try it again. But in no Case Could they Succeed. Our Regiment was not engaged. But one of our men while in the act of loading his gun was Shot in the hand. By a spent Ball our Loss is Small. The Rebels is Sad to be Large.
you would not Believe me when I Say the Roar of the Cannon Shook the earth But it Certainly did I never heard the Like Before it was awful indeed my Dear Sister I would like to See you very much and Relate Some of the Scenes of the past I think you would Be Surprised to See me now indeed you would not know me the is great Change in my Looks I am as Brown as an african and hearty as a pig Sister I will Be So glad to See you when I get home I will tear you up often times I think of you and the Rest of the dear ones at home But Still I am not Sory that I left I have a great Regard for my home and Contry and we are almost shure to win the this victory and this will Be the the last we will have to fight
we Started out last night and was gone all night we Slept in the mud But all injoyed it heatly we Come in this morning and have Been Sleeping all day the Rebels is Still firing Shots at long intervals But there no attension paid to them they had Better Save their Shot for a more Convenient Season

I Close with my thoughts upon you
I Remain your
Brother
David Lilley
answer immedeately
Give my love to all nqiring friends tell them the Boys are all well and Reddy for action and me among the Rest

David Lilley