Camp on Battle field
near James River July the 6 1862
Dear Sister
I Received your Letter to day and was glad to hear from you we have Been fighting for the Last four days the looss on our Side has Been very heavy I suppose we have lost in killed and wouded nearly twenty thousand our Rigment Lost one killed and several missing I have escaped un hurt So far our Company had too taken prisoners the men fell Dead Like wheat Before the Cradle I have not much time to write at present or I would write you a Long Letter tell mother and all the Rest that I am well
the rebels fights well but we were victorious at every point although they out numbered us our officers deserve great praise for their bravery it is hard to tell which will come out best at the last tell alfred that i say for him never to enlist while the world stands tell him that is my last advice to him

we have had nothing to eat for too or three days nor no water to drink this is a terable time indeed when we lay down we dont know whou will get up alive i was walking with a man when he had his head knocked clean off
Direct your letters the same as ever and write Soon
Give my Love to all
good
By
D L