



**MSS219 David N. Lilley Letters, American Civil War Digital Collections: Letters,
Special Collections, University of Delaware Library, Newark, Delaware.**

**Special Collections Department, University of Delaware Library / Newark, Delaware 19717-5267 / Phone:
302-831-2229 / Fax: 302-831-6003 / URL: <http://www.lib.udel.edu/ud/spec/>**

Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

Use of materials from this collection beyond the exceptions provided for in the Fair Use and Educational Use clauses of the U.S. Copyright Law may violate federal law. Permission to publish or reproduce is required from the copyright holder. Please contact Special Collections Department, University of Delaware Library,
<http://www.lib.udel.edu/cgi-bin/askspec.cgi>

Transcriptions by Center for Digital Collections staff.

Dear John
I have no news to write
I am well
Yours
John

1862

Camp on Battle field
near James River July 6th 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 wounded nearly twenty thousand
our Regiment 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

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 Regment 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 terafle
time indeed when we Lay down
we dont know whow will
get up alive I was walking
with a man when he had
his head knocked clean
off

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 a live 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
Bay D G

Direct your letters the same as ever and write Soon
Give my Love to all
good
By
D L