Camp near Falmouth in
February 26th, 1863

Dear Mother,

I received your kind letter of the 3rd and 6th of last
this morning. You desired me to give you list of battles I have
been in; they are as follows.

The first engagement was the battle of
Fair Oaks on the 31st May & 1st of June;
the battle in the Peach Orchard
Savage Station & White Oak Swamp
June 29th, or 29th June 31st.

This ends the Peninsula campaign.

Then we came to Fredericksburg
and fought the battle of Antietam from there we came here and fought the
battle of Fredericksburg Sept 17th and December 13th. These are the
battles I have been in but not all the skirmishes I have been in the following skirmishes opposite Edwards Ferry Oak Town Berryville First Point Manassas Hill under artillery fire 4 hours and then pursuing from this 2nd battle 3rd to 4th and on our retreat to Washington we formed a vade of the road and repelled the Rebel Cavalry that was following up the rear of our Army. There is a good many little places that I do not remember and if I get home before I forget them I will most likely tell you them I have been every where the Regt has been excepting 1st Bull Run and I came near killing myself trying to get there so I do not think
I am to have from my getting here. Either you have been led to believe by my letters that I am very anxious to get home before the Rebellion is crushed, or that in the hasty letters I have written to you that I thought the soldier's life a hard one, it is something I never intended to do. I acknowledge we do have some hard times, and that if once would give way to the impulses of a moment, one fellow would feel as if he could work for any body but himself. But when we get our camp and have time to get a cup of warm coffee and a slice of corn bread or more commonly called "salt hots", he feels as if he ought to do.
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Tell Uncle James that nothing
who pleased one better than
to hear that Old Langum
had been cracked by the citi-
ans of Harwic in Feb.
only that he would not only
got cracked but he might
some time in have the plea-
ns of riding on the right side
of a rough road. In your letter
you speak about the Army
of the Potomac being defeated
by orders, it is very true that
Gen. Burnside issued an
order for every man to be ready
to meet the enemy on such
a day but owing to the wind
it could not be done. I can
plainly tell you that Rebs cannot

Mother I can assure you I never intended to hint in any of my letters that your letters are tedious, but on the contrary it gives me great pleasure to read them and nothing I like better than long ones. I am such a poor hand to write new every thing interesting that I thought such long ones might not mislead you. There are at the present in our Regiment about 100 men fit for a march and in our Company we draw rations for 37 men one generally 1 or 2 of these are on the sick report. Capt. Brown is and has been away on sick leave for some time.
I think he will come back soon. He likes him much better than we do, he has changed very much and is a good officer in a battle.

Lieutenant Losherman is in command of our company and Lieutenant Colonel Loshman of the 1st Regt.

Dr. Well is a very brave man but he is a very great person and I see him. I think he is giving you a detailed account of our trip from Virginia to the seat of war. Some of the time giving orders and very liberal at Pittsburgh often drawing gold dollars up in a peace of paper and giving them to the boy. I was not lucky enough to get one of these papers whether
it was because I was largely engaged about that time
a drinking store very good
coffee that the liberal citizens
of Pittsburg were sending to the
soldiers or not I cannot tell.
Being an inexperienced youth
at that time and pretty green
these fine young ladies might
have taken the pains to relieve me
of my pocket-book which had
some change in it. So I did
not venture out of the car many
times.

Give my best respects to all of my
friends and love to Brother

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Lovely Lora to Ecuador