Dear Brother James,

Just a day before yesterday, two letters came. Since then we have had another hard fight with the rebels. Armored again, without a scratch but full of wind and worked out. Twenty men and 24 artillery men surrendered and five men to the right were going towards Richmond. At 10 o'clock the 23rd we had started and were in a corn field when came a terrible thunder shower. We huddled under our umbrellas, red-eyed, and drenched in our blankets. The shower lasted for 20 minutes just at its close we heard firing. Rushing out mar shallows in our rear for we all thought every thing, we grabbed our guns on a hurry but none were hit.
Dear Brother James,

I sent day before yesterday two letters home. Since then we have had another hard fight with the rebs. I come out again without a scratch but feel very tired & jaded out.

Thursday morning at daylight we evacuated our possition & the whole right wing swung towards Richmond. At 4 o’clock as the 2d Div had stacked arms in a corn field there came up a terrible thunder shower & we huddled under our rubber blankets seated on our knapsacks the shower lasted for 20 minutes just at its close we heard heavy crashing of musketry in our rear for once we all put on our things & grabbed our guns in a hurry Regiments were filed
right & left lines of battle formed, retiring placed in position between lines ready to the rear ambulance trains moved back to screen shelling distance. Our brigadeadvanced through the muddy cornfield doublequicked half a mile to occupy the front of our rifle pits built by our forces when we first advanced. This formed the first line of battle having reversed the pits they were not a very good protection but answered for the stress of attack. Our men were not in position, our skirmishers were totally engaged almost all night. The rifle pits we went in front of faced south. The second line of battle formed by the 3rd Brigade occupied a line of pits facing north which had been built by the rebels. Behind this second line was a piece of artillery on a position. At about 2 o'clock the rebels made three terrific charges on our left held by the 3rd Div. but were each time repulsed. We waited impatiently for them to come upon our front but they were to severely punished by the 3rd Div. As a grand sight to see then
right & left lines of battle formed, artillery placed in position baggage trains rushed to the rear & ambulance trains hurried back to non shelling distance Our brigade double quicked half a mile through the muddy corn field to occupy the front of our rifle pits built by our forces when we first advanced this formed the first line of battle having reversed the pits they were not a very good protection but here we waited for the rebs expeicting an attack evry minute for our skirmishers were hottly engaged almost all night The rifle pits we were in front off faced south the second line of battle formed by the 1st Brigade occupied a line of pits facing north which had been built by the rebels behind this second line was 18 pieces of artillery in possition At about 5 o clock the rebels made two terriffic charges on our left hild by the 3d Div. but were each time repulsed. We wanted impatiently for them to come upon our front but they were to severly punished by the 3d Div It was a grand night I see those
As we could see the flash of the guns of the flight of the shells over our head.

All night long we lay shivering in the cold drizzling rain. Friday morning opened clear & chilly about 9 am the 1st Brigade advanced & attacked the enemy near our brigade line. It was questioned by the right flank and on receiving the signal we were ordered to advance the ridge of land which they used for a position & take a position in the road thereby lengthening the line but working into the rebel line by receiving a terrific fire almost expelling the fire at Shottsylvania. But the rebels fired most two slow the bullets striking on the road at our feet like hail stones at the commencement of a shower. Having gained the
pieces of artillery playing on the rebs in the woods in front especially just at dark as we could see the flash of the guns & the flight of the shells over our heads All night long we lay shivering in the cold drizzling rain. Friday morning opened cloudy & chilly about 7 am the 1st Brigade advanced & attacked the enemy soon our brigade took its position on the right Our regiment marched by the right flank and on nearing the line we were ordered to cross over the ridge of land which they used for a protection & take a position in the road there by lengthing the line but working on to the rebels flank. We dashed across that ridge in plain view of the rebel rifle pits receiving a terrific fire almost equaling the fire at Spottsylvania But the rebs fired most too low the bullets striking in the sand at our feet like hail stones at the commencement of a shower Having gained the
read we were quite well protected by the bank on the opposite side. In this position we could pick off the gunners of a rebel battery & compelled them to stop using it. Thus it was held all day for we kept up a heavy fire all day.

The 11th Reg lost 25 wounded & 4 killed during the day at night we built breast works. There were wounded slightly in Co. D. Sam Gibbons of Hillsbary was slightly wounded in the back as we advanced over the ridge.

While laying in the road a bolt went through my haversack tearing two big holes in it & slightly splitting a nice little sugar can, partly filled with sugar.

Guess the rebels must of sugars as they seem to want to steal mine.

This morning on waking up we found the rebels had left town and on to the ground they had occupied. I was surprised to see the great number of dead men & dead horses. We could have killed about all their battery horses & they left in such a hurry they did not take their dead they drew their guns & by force to get away. I guess they will not want for the way the trees in their lines were spatted with bullet marks they must have been hot places.
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While laying in the road a bolt went through my haversack taring two big holes in it & spoiling a nice little sugar can partly filled with sugar. I guess the rebs are short of sugar as they seem to want to spoil mine.

This morning on waking up we found the rebels had left. I went over on to the ground they had occupied & was surprised to see the great number of dead men & dead horses. We must have killed about all their battery horses & they left in such a hurry they did stop to bury their dead. They drew their guns off by hand & left a few caissons only glad enough I guess to get away. I guess they will not want to attack us in the rear again very soon. For the way the trees on their lines were riddled with bullet it must have been lines a very hot place.