

Camp on the Hill West  
of Washington

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Sister & Mother  
I received two letters  
from you - night before  
last & was glad to hear  
from home again so it  
has been a long time  
since we have heard any  
news. I am well as can  
be expected after such  
a long time marching  
& fighting. We are all  
of us nearly dead out  
but I think we shall  
stay here as near here  
a quite a spell & recruit  
ourselves up again and  
get a new suit of clothes.

We lost all our tents and  
blankets on the Battle Field  
and we shall draw some  
more ones in a few days  
that Battle on Saturday  
was a hard one & tell  
you although I came  
out all right But the  
plucky Rebels had an  
Brigade nearly surround  
ed there was but one  
way for us to escape  
and they were still  
ing us from that way  
they fired shells into  
our hospital General  
Dugree was wounded in  
the hand with a piece  
of a shell but he was  
paid no attention to  
that But said right  
with us all day he  
is a Bully little man

Mr. Bust & others  
Marvin & our acidity  
& quite a number of  
our company was  
taken prisoners But  
they are in off ashore  
glare on Parade

Well mate I cant  
afford much this morn-  
ing for our compa-  
ny guns on picket  
the day & I must go  
& get my Breakfast  
& get ready,

excuse me for not  
writing more & do  
with soon to  
your Health

John Baldwin

