



My dear Mother,

This will be my third letter to-day. This time I write to tell you of a battle & victory below. Our people were at Bethel where on the 10th they were attacked: we numbered 1500 they 4000: after three assaults they were driven back & at last accounts the dragons were in pursuit. Our loss was one man killed & 7 wounded. The Hamptonians behaved with distinguished gallantry & that you can congratulate yourself on having seen under fire without being hurt. The M.L. Regt was in the fight, & all our people behaved well. The enemy lost very severely, some 80 were found in the field beside the wounded carried off. So you see, Dear Mother, there can be a battle with my little leg on our side. Kiss Annie & the little Darling for

Your devoted son

James

11 June 1861.