

P. O. Address. Edwin State
New Orleans
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the bloody dysintery which
most every one has it is
the most painful disease that
any one has. It will last
sometimes 6 months or one week
and sometimes more it is the
most prevalent disease
around here. We move so
often when I tell to direct
to the place where we are
we will move some then I
do not get your letters but
if you direct to New Orleans
It will follow me up where
ever I go. We are back to
Thibodauxville again and
we move from here to
massons machine. My love to all

I wish that every time you write
you would send an envelope with
a postage stamp on it every time
Camp Stevens Jan 19th / 62

Dear Mother

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I am all right. We only
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The balls came uncomfortable
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Lomas are here with us
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heavy for about 3 hours
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I would not have lost
the chance of seeing you
a great deal it was the
greatest sight that we
saw there was about
100 Rebels killed and
wounded We took down
80 Prisoners they are the
most savage set that
we have seen since
August
From your son
C. W. M.



Mr. William F. Steel,
Macedon Centre,
Wayne Co.,
N. Y.

Camp Stevens, Jan 19th/63

Dear Mother,

Thinking you had heard of the skirmish we had I though I would write and tell you I am all right. We only had one killed and he was in our company, he was killed while on picket guard and was killed by our own men. Our own company was on picket all night and my post was about yards from the rebels picket and once I stood on the edge of the ditch they fired twice at me and the balls came uncomfortably close I tell you. As for the gunboat Cotton the Rebels have burnt her we came up and she fired on our gunboats and after a while they commenced firing on us I dodged the first shell and that was all. I did not feel scared at all which I though I should be. General Witesal gave us great credit about our marching, he says we went into action for the first time best he ever saw tell Duryeas are here with us Lieutenant In has got to be Capt. In this skirmish their was about 30 killed and 40 wounded all in other Regts we had 5 wounded in our Regt. 1 battery man had his both hands shot off by his own gun the telling-plays-any-having-for about 3 hours and when the Cotton moved off. We cheered for the Union till we were hoarse. I would not have lost the chance if seeing for a great deal it was the grandest sight that ~~were~~ saw there was about 150 Rebls killed and wounded. We took some 30 prisioners they are the most savory set that I ever more at

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From your son,
Edward

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