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Dear Sister

I can almost feel the anxious throbing of your heart, but could not write sooner, to day is the first mail we have had since the fight began, to day is makes two weeks of fighting, our regt has been engaged four times, I have never seen any fighting to compare with this, our loss has been heavy but nothing to compare with the enemy we have killed thousands, I have killed two myself. I have been struck twice though freely badly Bruised we have to fell in now, not quite redy to move I will write a little more, S A Stinson and Casey is killed I w Barker is missing Lewis is safe the mail leaves now

we are yet in line
of battle