

Camp on the Battleground
 June ^{the} 5 1864

My Dear wife

I thought I would write a few lines to you to let you know that I am a live and well and hope this will find you the same I have not got to my regt yet I got hear this morning and we will go to the regt in the morning we are at army head quarters they are a fighting every day and I will be there as soon as I get to the regt but I hope I will be all right but there is some hard fighting to be done here yet we are within 9 miles of richmond and I think before a matter Sunday we will be

cluster than we are now we have
a very large army here now
we had to march five days before
we got here so you hear every
thing from Charles I have not
heard any thing new from
him since I wrote you last
but as soon as I get to my
regt I will try and find out
where he is if I can now almost
if you now how bad I hated to
goe into this site I think
you would not rest much
but I shant see as there is any
site for a man to get out
but I hope you will not take
things to hard for I may come
home all right but it is a hard
thing to think of but it cant
be helped now as I dit hear a
murthering this I can hear the
shell as plain as day so you

can judge how I feel a heart this
 thing just now I would give
 most every thing if I ever had
 been home but it cant be helped
 now but if I ever get there I
 will try and stay there as long
 as I live of say Stone & Johnson
 this morning he said I was
 all right I cant think of much
 to right now you must take
 good care of your self and
 say and I will try and do
 the same as long as I can
 this is all for this time write
 soon this from your ever
 true husband

yours truly
 Dwight S. Stansard

good by and a kiss for
 you and the boy