My dear Mother,

This will be my third letter today. This time I write to tell you of a battle and victory below. Our people were at Bething, where in the 10th they were attacked. We numbered 1800 they were 2000. After three assaults they were driven back and at last account the dragoons were in pursuit. Our loss was one man killed 7 wounded. The Americans behaved with distinguished gallantry. If any one can congratulate himself as having seen more fire without being hurt, the Wh. Regt was in the front and all our people behaved well. The enemy lost very severely, some 800 were found on the field beside the wounded carried off. So you see, dear Mother, there can be a battle with very little loss on our side. Help Annie and the little babies for your debts see.

Yours,

11 June 1861.