



think that the Lord <sup>is</sup> high is mightier than  
the noise of many waters? This is His own  
recorded promise Call upon me in the day of trouble  
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

I wish I could have  
went to Uncle Seths with you I think I should  
have enjoyed a visit with them first rate Quite is  
Dis charged from the service on account of the  
rheumatism he is at home now I think if not he  
soon will be Perhaps you would like to know  
how I spent my time seeing that I am not with  
the regt Well I will try and tell you  
we get the daily papers here and they take some  
of my time a party of us goes out target shooting  
with our revolvers in the afternoon yesterday I got  
the best target and I calculate to to day I think  
I can hit a seesh at the distance of one hundred  
yards about every time with the revolver, I got out my  
saber the other day to go through the exercise  
but I found that there was not strength enough  
in my arms yet to make it buy us I want it  
should when I go through the exercise I would  
join our regt now but they are ordered to  
Warrington Va that is on the advance of Gen  
Popes army and if I was with them I should  
be put on picket duty and I do not want to run  
the risk of a battle with the rebs until I get  
my strength again our regt has splendid horses

The boys are in fine spirits now they say that they are a going into the field this time like troopers and not like dogs for Col Hunts regulars there was good act that our boys done in the battle of Williamsburg the rebels began to throw grape shot at our boys that were using the field pieces and Hunts bulley regulars run and left the batteries but our boys stuck to them and their horses was so many of them killed that they could not haul off their peices the rebels came up and demanded them to surrender Col Hunt told him he would not surrender to no such ill looking villain as him and he ordered the boys to load with double charge of canister shot they shot the serish officers horse out from under him and he run for dear life so did the rest of his command they did not stop to help their wounded off but left them on the field they could not stand canister shot any better than the regulars could grape our regt did not lose a man there one had his sabre shot into and an other had his spur shot off his heel

You say you can ride a horse on the trot bare back I am not here but you will make a trooper if you keep on you wish to know how much flesh I lost I weighed two hundred and ten when I got back to Washington I do not know how much I have lost this time

to know who the rest of your correspondents is but  
you speak of being glad when I am discharged  
Caff Depped to have to wade through flood  
before I am discharged I think that Gen Pope  
will clean the rebels out of the Shenandoah <sup>valley</sup> and  
then join McClellan at Richmond if he does there  
will be hard fighting to be done it may be my  
lot to fall but my life is no better than any one  
elses you say Charlie wishes I was there to go to  
work please ask him what he pays green hands per  
month and let me know in your next letter  
you speak of my specimens I have sent them home  
the 11 revolutionary buttons either sent home  
or lost them and I do not know which I will  
send you a piece of the stone that marks the  
spot where Lord Cornwallis surrendered his sword  
to Washington if I can get hold of any confidant  
script I will send some to Charlie some of the  
men here have some of it you ask if Father keeps  
the money that I sent home or let me have it  
a gain that is a strange question or did you take  
me to be a fool I will answer this question by  
telling you what he wrote me in his last letter con-  
cerning the money. there are the words What shall I do with  
the money that you sent home If I put it in the  
bank you will get six per cent int and can get the money  
whenever you call for it if I let the neighbors have it  
you will seven percent but are not sure you can get it  
when you call for it you speak of our baby brother if he is as  
sweet a boy as his little sister is a girl I am heartily glad they  
have him for there is no member in the family that I think

am a good you with not hand out unless you can keep a secret

You want  
never saw  
she is the  
my wife of  
Alan I do