



Camp, near Port Republic,  
Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>/60

My dear Mother:

We have been in Camp

for the past few days

and will remain here a few days longer,

as this Encampment is a beautiful one

well shaded & convenient to excellent

water. Jackson's forces need considera-

ble rest, if it is practicable will

be allowed to recruit before commencing

again, our usual forced marches. I

have not heard a word from home since

last. I hope you was at Hampton.

I hope you have heard from one of them

than this, for whilst I was anxious

to hear from you, I was more anx-

ious you should hear from me.

I have written three letters to you

one from Winchester, by Mr. Point and

then from Charlestown, by Mr. Scherer.

another from the top of Blue Ridge  
or Brown's Gap, the present week, by  
Mr. Hunter. When you write, I hope  
you will be able to say you received  
them. I wrote to Mr. Charlton's  
also at Charlestown - also wrote  
a lengthy letter to them yesterday.  
For the past 30 days, our army has  
been so unsettled, that it was im-  
possible to send many letters away,  
especially to find any time to be  
satisfactory or lengthy. As I think  
I will not be ~~disturbed~~ distur-  
bed for an hour or so, I will  
occupy the time with pleasure, in  
writing to my dear mother, believing  
it will be her pleasure to read  
after me.

I have a memorandum of our  
late marches & battles, from which  
I will copy for your perusal.  
When my book is full, I shall send  
it home for safe keeping, as it will stand

be interesting to me if I am spared  
through this war. I have been exposed  
to many dangers since I left home  
last, & the same kind Providence,  
~~who~~ shielded me in past dangers,  
can do so in the future. & if it is  
my good fortune to escape through his  
mercy I hope to merit his favors  
to a greater extent than on past battle  
fields, for I believe many more worthy  
have gone out of this strife forever.  
Here are a few notes, which may be  
interesting to you all. I need not say  
much about our trip to Winchester,  
as you have already heard of our  
success there over Banks - taking 6,000  
or 5,000 prisoners, about \$2,000,000  
of stores & driving the enemy to  
the Potomac. I will simply mention  
the fight, as recorded in my little  
L. memorandum, from  
Notes. - Banks was slow in under-  
standing Jackson's movements around

the Mountain from New Market,  
as the disastrous results to his army  
proves. Upon entering Middletown  
(you see, mother, we had gone around  
40 miles by Front Royal, capturing  
a regiment there - 1st Maryland -  
& others - besides a quantity of  
stores) 5 miles below Strasburg,  
Banks column was pierced,  
leaving at Strasburg & on the road a  
long train of valuable army stores,  
ammunition, &c., also a great num-  
ber of sick as well as a thou-  
sand well soldiers, who were

of course compelled to surrender.  
As our Battery dashed to the  
front, falling down the street  
after the retreating foe, Turner's  
Band, at the head of the 5th reg-  
iment, at the sight of our  
entranced our wearied troops, who





took a "quick step"  
 down the Valley  
 to the afternoon  
 artillery. There  
 again the road  
 was soon lined with Banks  
 wagon train, which he was forced  
 to desert, until reaching Newton  
 & finding the enemy at close, they  
 were compelled to make a short  
 stand (that is, <sup>nothing</sup> they put up pie-  
 ces of artillery on a height &  
 held us in check a few moments  
 to allow their army to gain ground  
 Possibly it was not Gen. Jack-  
 son's design to overtake them &  
 drive them into Winchester but  
 mine's own, for Gen. Snell had not  
 had time to reach there - he  
 is gone across from D. Royal  
 the same time we left.

They were started again in half  
an hour's time. Fifty Newtown  
another train was captured but  
a much larger one - some 30 wag-  
gons - were in flames. The Rebels  
had destroyed them while halted  
south of town. It was now  
dark, & from reliable information  
learned that a large force were  
not over one mile ahead of  
our advance. Reaching Barton's  
Mills, two miles north of town,  
we were fired into from behind.  
Stone fences, orchard trees, houses,  
&c. No one was surprised at this,  
still it was unexpected. This  
is a curious or at least ambiguous re-  
mark - but it's about right. As  
proof, while it did not sur-  
prise, it certainly startled  
a great many, for bush-whacking  
is something known to Valley troops.  
The Cavalry in advance, but not

30 yards from our Column, came  
back in full gallop, injuring several  
of the Infantry, & this,  
together with the surprise, in-  
creased the panic, rendering the  
33rd Infantry unfit for immedi-  
ate action. Two pieces of Rockbury  
Battery & the entire "Rough" were  
thus exposed in the Road, every man  
in front securing the place for  
his position at all hazards.

The 27th, immediately in our rear,  
was ordered to the front, & soon  
poured a volley in the direction  
of the enemy's fire. In less than  
25 minutes, the bushwhackers  
left, losing several men. Our loss  
was nothing - save what our own  
Cavalry accomplished. Leaving  
this point, we advanced & halted  
alternately throughout the night, & at  
day-break was within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles  
of Winchester, where the ene-

we had halted in an advantageous spot, & behind old fortifications.

Sunday, May 24th. It was soon known to all that the Yankees were determined to fight before leaving Winchester, & to hold the same, if possible. Gen. Jackson was in front, as usual, watching advantages, but there were few, unfortunately, <sup>aid</sup> ~~to~~ us. Several Yankee Batteries already in position on the right, occasionally firing on our skirmishers whenever seen. Gen. J. soon ordered us to the left of the road,

gaining our position apparently a good one - waded a tremendous fire. The Rough Battery was first in position & to retaliate upon our spiteful neighbors across the pit. seconds in a short time by the Rockbridge & Cutshaw Batteries.



Series - the Rockbridge on our left.  
We had engaged the enemy but a short  
time in front, till we were surpris-  
ed with a terrific cross-fire from  
the left upon our line. The Rockbridge  
immediately wheeled upon them, but  
no sooner fired till a second sur-  
prise - for still closer, & within 500  
yards from our line, by a regim-  
ent of Yankee Sharpshooters,  
with Belgian guns, who immedi-  
ately commenced their usual work  
upon cannoniers - "picking them off."  
Under all this, we held our position  
for 2 1/4 hours, until Gen. Jackson  
said Artillery could do no more -  
charge! - the Stone wall of Louis-  
iana charging on the left, & well  
commencing to pickle them on  
the right. The charge was quite

a disgrace to our force, considering  
the example shown them by our  
Artillery, who I'm afraid, will  
never get Yankees to stick two  
& quarter minutes where we  
stood hours. They failed to re-  
ceive the charge, but thousands  
hid behind fences & fortifications  
and began a hasty retreat without  
receiving a second shot. The ene-  
my's loss far exceeded our own  
notwithstanding our unfair position.  
Loss in Roubens 1 killed, 1 mortally  
wounded, 2 severely, 2 slightly. Rock-  
bridge 2 killed, 10 wounded. Cutshaw's  
1 killed, 1 wounded. A great many horses  
wounded & killed. The race began  
in the battle-field, the Yankees  
continuing the retreat in disor-  
der thro' Winchester, our troops stop

one square behind. There ladies  
screaming for joy & waving their  
handkerchiefs. It was altogether  
then a grand scene such a one as  
is calculated to enthuse the victors  
& create a terror & panic to the  
vanquished. So it was with  
our enemies. The panic was com-  
plete - their retreat constant  
& hasty throughout the day, for  
the distance of over 25 miles;  
pursued by some of our more  
fresh troops - the Stone wall  
of Louisiana & a number of other  
regiments halting 5 miles below  
Winchester. ~~George Allen~~ The pursuers  
quite successful, taking squads  
of prisoners at every bend of  
the road & at Martinsburg cap-  
turing a large supply of army  
stores, &c. The same evening

after resting a few hours in  
camp, went to Winchester  
While there paid a visit to  
our wounded, I remained all  
night with them. In the  
morning returned to camp with  
the satisfaction of knowing  
that our wounded (Geo. A. Jordan,  
who called upon you for some  
clothes for me, Walker, Matheny  
would be properly attended to, & an  
specialmost special regard paid  
to them by several kind ladies  
of Winchester.

Monday, 26th. Rested.

Tuesday, 27th. Rested & laid

lost tribute to our companions  
who fell in the late battle, Geo.

A. Jordan lying 2 days, John  
McCulloch dying on the field.

Late in the evening received orders  
to cook one day's rations.

Wednesday, 28th. Left camp early, bla

cutting across to the Charleston  
road. Heard several rumors on

the route, & found the enemy one  
mile west of Charleston & who

regiments of infantry, 1 of Cavalry  
& 2 pieces of Cannon. Jackson

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Brigade was our only force close at  
hand - the Rough Battery taking position  
under their fire, soon scattering  
the Yankee regiments who were already  
in line of battle. No 2 (my piece)  
being planted in the road, swept  
it with Bomb & soon drove the  
Yankees out of sight, our Battery  
galloping thro' Charlestown after  
them, & upon every hill, for 3/4  
miles firing upon them, when  
we returned to the vicinity of  
Charlestown to camp. Our piece  
being in front & the only one necessary  
was quite tried & tolerable  
black with powder. (When I called  
upon my friends there. You remember  
and I was pretty short, when I called  
upon them last year.) In our  
campaign Gen. Windey & his aids were

one only advance - no canal being  
present, but later in the evening  
nearly all of Jackson's force  
was "about." (Lieut Carpenter  
& myself visited Sec Roberts. There  
I washed my face, we took out  
here I was introduced to several  
interesting girls. Remained several  
hours.)

Thursday, 29th. - Moving towards  
Harper's Ferry with a heavy force,  
as if "bound for Maryland." Rock  
ledge & Rough Batteries, for miles  
in Camp, resting. Could hear mus-  
ketry from the neighborhood of  
Blissar, especially the heavy gun  
one I believe, a 32 pounder, located  
on the Maryland Heights, or on one of  
of its ridges. The 2nd  
Reg. flanked H Ferry & forced  
the river to the right, scouting

on the Heights of

Friday, May 30. Orders to embark  
of the entire force taken to  
White Hall, 4 miles from H. P.  
several regiments advancing to  
the neighborhood of Bolivar.  
Much speculation among the soldiers  
and one rumor most credited was "we are  
going to Mayland," &c. About 12  
m. Troops marched off to right  
ie, left of White Hall, through  
dense woods, as if intending a  
flank on H. P. (Enemy reported  
8,000.) However, all this flanking  
force was marched immediately  
back to Winchester, Jackson's Brigade  
returning to old Camp, to wait for  
the remainder of the command who  
were on the Heights. Ordered to  
take rations & prepare for early  
march on the morrow.

Saturday, May 31. - Left Charles  
town, bidding adieu to acquaint-  
ances. I feel very sore and  
such a loyal & beautiful place  
to ~~the~~ danger of its usual in-  
vasion & intrusion. Continued  
the march thro' Winchester, called  
upon acquaintances, citizens sorry  
to see us depart. Camped several  
miles south of Winchester &  
cooked rations. Troops quite wearied.

Sunday, June 1st. Moved up towards  
Strasburg, occasionally hearing can-  
non to our right a distance of 7  
miles across from Middletown &  
at the foot of Shenandoah moun-  
tain. Rather a surprise to us,  
but knew ~~Shields~~ Shields  
was on our left at Ft. Royal. But,  
as usual, Jackson knew more  
than his men, & why he took

his troops from White Hall.  
Miller, the gentleman we ~~met~~  
whipped at McPonell, was  
coming across to Strasburg to  
form a junction with Shields.  
I that force would combine to keep  
us in check till forces should  
arrive behind us (wasn't duty to  
a nice trap, if Jackson



would only bite. Jackson rather  
marched rapidly to Millroy, got  
on his left in good time - not  
content whipped him so badly  
in 2 hours he did not follow  
Jackson an inch that day - then  
if Philips had appeared the  
Stone wall was about, sitting  
in Banks old fortifications  
at Strasburg, waiting for our  
triumphant forces to come up  
from the mountain side. About  
11 o'clock the entire column moved  
up the pike I camped a short  
distance north of Woodstock.

Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Operations slow  
in retreat, Fremont follow-  
ing closely. Our large train slow  
in motion. Soon became necessa-  
ry to plant batteries to hold  
the enemy in check. Jackson

or somebody was cratter slow this  
morning, I might have proved  
serious, but fortunately quite  
luck after all. Taskie's Battery  
& 2 pieces of Rockbridge held  
the enemy in check for a time,  
the Yankee cavalry finally making  
a dash upon our rear. At this  
juncture we had the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment  
hid in the high wheat, & a  
number of stragglers who said  
they could better fight than run.  
As the enemy pressed upon us  
I captured our guns (our cavalry  
already running back in every  
direction & infantry cursing  
their commander) these strag-  
glers & 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment raised  
in the wheat, pouring a deadly  
fire into the enemy. A great  
many were killed - others taken

is Prisoners, our guns regained  
I the Yankees who could get  
out of the way, running back  
like wild men. This effective  
fire put a damper upon the enemy's  
forward movements, & we were  
not troubled again throughout the  
day. Half a mile from this attack,  
at the "narrow passage" the  
Boys were waiting for a  
glance of their countenances ~~to~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~we~~  
appeared - were ordered after the  
column camped in the vicinity  
of Mt. Jackson.

Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Marched within  
1 mile of New Market - quite  
inclement - raining all night. Burnt  
the Bridge near Mt. Jackson.  
Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Did not  
march till evening - raining  
still - several rumors about  
the enemy crossing the river ra-  
pidly on temporary bridges of wagons

Marched past New New Market  
camping 9 miles from Harrison-  
burg. Orders to cook captives,  
pack wagons, so the train could  
move out at 2 a.m.

Thursday, 5th. Moved up the valley  
at dawn. Continued the march  
through Harrisonburg & across to  
the vicinity of Port Republic, ar-  
riving there at 11 P.M.

Friday 6th. Orders for march  
countermanded. Train returned, then  
we crossed the Shenandoah bridge  
at P. Republic. Gen. Ashby actively  
engaged with the enemy all day  
in the vicinity of Harrisonburg.

Was present himself with a  
small force of infantry & Cavalry  
when the advance charged upon him.  
Of course he received it, resulting in  
enemy's loss of 7 killed, 2 Confederates,  
& the capture of about 50 prison-  
ers, besides some prominent offi-  
cers - one, especially, an English Col.,  
whose express mission to the valley  
was to capture Ashby - but the  
death of Ashby was put on the other  
leg. &

Saturday, June 7th. Aroused at 1/2 past 7  
a. m. - quite Awake - ~~ordered to cook~~  
ordered to cook immediately, pack  
wagon & train across the Bridge  
at daylight. Painful rumors concern-  
ing Gen. Ashby - that he had fallen last  
night, about dark, while at the head  
of his line, gallantly charging a party  
of the enemy. Daylight report con-  
firmed - later, his body borne  
post Camp for Headquarters. A  
general feeling of deep sorrow on  
the part of the soldiers, Wagon  
moved out early, soldiers lounging  
about till evening, when the train  
retired, as on Friday. Enemy repor-  
ted close on every side, still for  
good reasons, Gen. Jackson is in no  
hurry to go on. Troops quiet  
throughout the day, showing their  
deep regret for the loss of Gen. Ashby.

and feeling him to be almost an  
irreparable loss to his command.

No orders, but prepared dg's retires.

Durand, June 8th. In Camp at

8 a.m. Convinced as usual, confidently

expecting another dg's crest, when "bang,

bang," belched 2 pieces of Gankell

Artillery, within half a mile of Camp,

I immediately in the vicinity of P. Rep. road

lie. This was evidently a surprise, especially

to the troops, who in fact, for a short

short time paid little heed to

the reports, thinking an old load

was being fired off by some of our

men. Genl. Johnston will

see that this gives the Idaho, folie

Shields to keep on the Swift

Run of Road, hem us in at P. Rep. the

lie Bridge across the Shenandoah, &

for Premont, with 20,000 to attack

us in our rear on the Harrison

by P. Rep. Road. Shields has 15,000

I suppose. Our pickets not doing

their duty, we were not aware

of their approach, until they had gotten within  
in 100 yards of P. Republic with a  
small advance - their infantry half  
a mile below following. Gen. Jackson  
was soon on the ground, and as luck  
would have it a regiment in line on  
P. Republic inspection of arms was forthwith  
specie marched to the Bridge who charged  
on through it, through Grape & Ban-  
ister, taking the 2 pieces of Artillery  
by the jankies in advance - in  
fact taking some of our own men  
will too, who had been caught in P. Republic  
- folie - prominent officers & under  
arrest by Uncle Sam. While  
P. Rep this was going on in the hollow,  
& the Royal & Rockbridge Batteries  
attacked a deadly fire upon  
on the advancing infantry east of  
15.00 the Sherris drabs & who were stead-  
doughly marching for the bridge. In less  
than five minutes however, we

had the satisfaction of seeing their  
ranks fire <sup>as we poured</sup>  
stalled so direct upon them  
constant & terrific, every man  
of 3 ~~of~~ large regiments was seen  
to break ranks & retreat, every  
man for himself, for dear life.  
This is the most complete panic  
I ever saw. Our batteries follow  
ed the western side, keeping up  
the fire, running the enemy 4  
miles from the bridge & toward  
where they came from. No sooner  
was this accomplished, than we  
could hear firing in our rear.  
I run out thinking all was  
right, pitched in, but after  
6 hours fight, had to give  
way, losing several prisoners,  
& suffering in loss far exceeding  
our own upon the field. This  
was accomplished, without the ne-  
cessity of bringing the entire force  
under Lowell's command, into action.  
Much speculation as to where we  
would camp - soldiers rather  
distrustful - fearing a second trap  
& one which might not end as far  
as favorable to us.



However, two brigades were left  
to watch throughout the remainder  
of Jackson's army up crossing the  
bridge & camping for the night on  
the Stanton road. Ordered to  
cook two days rations. Wed so.  
Monday, June 9th. Troops moving at  
day light back through P. Republic  
& after Shields. Shields strength  
reported 15,000. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg. in ad-  
vance - Rough Battery following. After  
marching ~~several~~ <sup>several</sup> miles down P.R.  
S. Run Gap Road, ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> taking a  
number of killed & wounded from  
our Cannon ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> yesterday, we  
were ordered to halt. The Rough Bat-  
tery, rather 2 pieces, No. 2 & 3 order-  
ed to the front & fire on Yankee  
pickets. We fired 2 rounds of ice  
& prepared to advance, when the chal-  
lenge was accepted with two  
Yankee trumble-bees over our  
heads. Immediately the troops  
were deployed in battle array.

A portion of Stone wall - 5th  
July 1862, bore to the left, ~~the~~ the  
edge of the Shenandoah followed  
by the Rockbridge & one section  
(No 1 & 4) of Royal Batteries.  
On the right, the 2nd deployed as  
skirmishers through a thick piece  
of woods, followed as far as  
possible by our section of Artillery  
the Louisiana Brigade bearing  
to the extreme right of the valley  
several regiments keeping the  
mountain ridge & forcing their  
way sections in sight of the ene-  
my's guns. For a short time  
after we ceased firing, our sec-  
tion was inactive - having no  
position to attain under the  
circumstances. When however,  
a daring charge, <sup>on the left</sup> was made by a  
fragment of the Stonewall upon  
a Yankee Battery, the centre closed  
in, followed rapidly by our sec-

troop, which took a position  
in under a terrible fire of small  
arms, 30 steps behind the 27th  
Reg. Owing to overwhelming  
numbers against us the charge  
was unsuccessful - the aids gal-  
loping to our presence - ordering a  
hasty retreat of our Battery  
in the centre, as there was a large  
force of advancing infantry rapidly  
marching upon us. Owing to  
our position, we could not  
discover this fact ourselves, a  
small ridge keeping them  
from view. The 27th at this  
juncture began a slow & dogged  
retreat - our Battery falling off  
150 yards & facing the enemy.  
From this point the entire bat-  
tery took the field & position of all troops  
within the field, mainly seen

It was upon this spot that every  
Battery in action was called upon  
to suffer the dangers from  
small arms equal to the infantry  
something quite rare & in politics  
as the defeated party is sure to  
~~lose~~ to lose every gun. Cannon  
was used in abundance nearly every  
gun on the field exhausting its sup-  
ply for just as ~~the~~ small  
bullets rained down hot faces  
cutting through the air, & void  
cannoner now the ranks of  
infantry as it has seldom done  
before in this war. We left slowly  
firing us in this manner, & finally  
by our Batteries forced to fall off  
off it had an appearance we  
were whipped. But not so. It  
was simply 2 Brigades after  
2 regiments, & our forces had not  
come up on the left neither for  
some reason had the Louisiana  
Brigade crossed upon them.  
They were rather late in this move-  
ment yet when they did emerge  
from the woods, taking their en-  
tire Artillery in action (with  
excellent pieces) Men crossing &  
almost piercing with the bayonet  
the advancing enemy, it was time  
enough for success.

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Their dauntless charge changed the tide  
of battle definitely & successfully for  
the day. The enemy seeing their danger  
in Anra began a retreat, but more  
hasty than was ours, followed by  
our entire force in chase - which,  
with the firing on the left, cross fir-  
ing on the right & bayonets flash-  
ing of 5 regiments in the center who  
knew how to use them (General  
Taylor's command Louisiana) con-  
fected the route, hotly pursued by  
our infantry for several miles, captu-  
ring 6 guns (some say eight) & 500  
prisoners. Jackson had 7 or 8,000  
engaged - some <sup>of the prisoners say</sup> that Shields  
only had 2 large brigades in  
the fight (about 8 or 10,000.) I  
don't know - They fought well for  
5 hours, I thank to a kind Provi-

It was upon this spot that on

deceit, I deceit done a little letter.

I started with notes, but have  
not followed them - I wish I had  
done so, I am taking too much time over  
I must recur to them again, as I  
see I have made mistakes, besides the  
in writing in such a hurry, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> not  
not as concise and plain. 800  
prisoners were taken in this en-  
agement. Our loss is over 150 in  
killed & wounded - the enemies greater  
While this fight was going on, Fremont  
no doubt wanted a hand, & he  
gave to press the two Benjard's  
on the Harris on my road. They  
of course, retreated slowly, & Post  
when compelled to cross the  
Bridges, burnt it in Fremont's  
face & would quitted to the  
battle field. But we had no more  
for troops - plenty there already for

not in action. What is layhable,  
mother (for it is true that incidents  
had occurred in life under the most  
times solemn or awful circumstances  
(which excite man's man's risibles)  
these two Brigades arrived just  
in time to get a peep at Shields's  
remains - Fremont the other side  
of the river (river 10 or 20 feet  
in deep) looking on from the western  
slopes - a foolish spectator of  
the scene. This <sup>was</sup> the result of  
their scheme to trap a man who  
had happened to have been born &  
raised in this part of the country  
& Poor Shields was in a hopeless  
retreat & Fremont could give  
him no succor. I am sorry to  
say that 2 of our Company were  
severely wounded two or 3 slightly.  
I think, dangerous, though

It was upon this spot that the  
that of Tom Jordan's is quite  
severe. The same day, marched up  
to the top of Brown's Gap on  
Blue Ridge, arriving there 12  
o'clock P.M. This was to be  
went a surprise from the  
I suppose who could easily construct  
a temporary bridge across the  
river above us. Arriving in  
camp, but on my over coat, wrap  
bed up in a blanket, took a seat  
softly upon a rock & found my  
self there at daylight. In good  
spirits, though rather tired, feel  
my grateful for my life, & that  
I was spared through the late  
dangers.

Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Rested all day.  
Pretty cool on mountain top the  
sides raining.

Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>: Birds flying  
to be a pleasant day. Later cloudy  
sun settled, but no rain.

Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Reville at  
Sun-up & ordered to pack my  
portmanteau. Marched down the  
mountain, crossed to the Starn  
ton road & camped within  
two miles of P. Republic, & a mile  
from the celebrated Cave.



belonging to Mohler.

Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Beautiful Gen  
campment. Washed a quantity of  
clothes & am now new again.

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. With  
great pleasure am writing to  
my mother, but am afraid  
I will tax her patience this  
time, as she has not bargained  
for a newspaper.

Dear mother, I have written  
very hurriedly, fearing something might  
turn up & order us out again.  
I hope we will remain here,  
however, some time, as I like  
the place very much. I suppose  
you want to know where the  
Yankees are. Well, it is supposed  
they are running back & are below  
New Market. Why? Well, it

is because they have lost Gen.  
Jackson again in the mountain  
you know Brown's Gap is the  
identical spot where Banks  
lost him, I never found him  
till Jackson had marched 100  
miles west of it, whipping Miller  
back again. At St. Royal, capturing  
all Banks's force there &  
showing himself, his chin  
well elevated, between Banks and  
sighting his advance column  
having almost cut the rail off  
to the tune of 40000. You see it  
costs something to lose Jackson,  
Stewart & Shields swear he  
shan't come the Banks trick  
on them, I am getting on sure ground.  
Tell your wife my love to all at  
home. Tell Jim I can his folks  
in Winchester, George left for

Washington when we drove Banks  
through. Mr. Taylor was quite sorry  
about it, & Mrs. Taylor is quite  
uneasy. I suppose he has returned  
since the Federal army have taken  
again. Tell Jim that his father  
is anxious to hear from him and  
John. I suppose Chap still  
holds on to the mules he had  
four when I last saw him at  
A. Springs. How is Teresa please  
tell about it - she any at to be  
satisfied, as I think she is  
quite lucky if they don't kick  
or bite him. Give my love  
to them all. I would  
like to run Stanton a trip,  
& I hope I can soon. I would  
like to see you all very much.  
I hope you will write soon  
& pardon this lengthy letter.

I saw Capt. Waters on Monday  
just after I came off the battle  
field. If he has returned, I suppose  
he told you I was right side  
up, but I was minus of a cap.  
I had been wearing a Yankee cap,  
& in following the Boat the wind  
blew it off - under another piece  
& as I wasn't in a good humor for  
anything Yankee left it & made  
a handkerchief cap quite inter-  
esting appearance, no doubt, to wa-  
ters. Tell Mrs. Bayly George is all  
right, but his regiment suffered  
severely. I have seen him frequently.  
He does well. Regards to Mrs.  
Seeley's family & Price's & other  
engaging friends. Mrs. Rohr said  
she would write to you.  
Write soon Love to all  
Accept the best love of your  
Auntie

Wm. Humphreys

P. S. Will you please send me  
enough of red stripe for a pair  
of pants. The whole company have  
pantaloons alike - blue cloth.

from the company