

June 12th 1862

Cattlet Station a gain

Dear Father I received your letter the 10 & was glad to hear from you & that you were all well I was sick twice or 3 days when we was at Front Royal I had what we call the w a quick step But I am well now we came from Front Royal yesterday, we came on the cars it took us 10 days to go thru the way, we went & on to come back, the report is that our men has cut old Jackson all to bits & killed Col. Ashby I guess it is true for Shields & Fremont was after him the last news we had I expect by the time this letter reaches you we shall be in some other place. But I dont know where it will be

how you got that money, yet I thought I would not lend it to P. F. I havent much confidence in him he is looking out for No 1 to much for my taking. I thought my money would be safe at home that it would be to let him know it I paid him 10 dollars & he got 15 for you you can pay me the 10 some time. let Mr Miller have it he is the man I wish he would take all of my money as fast as I get it I see all the Catt folks are bound for the west I think they had better come South Va is a nice state we have warm days here & cold nights. But there is something about the climate that a man may lay on the ground all night & he will be awt with dew in the morning & he wont take

a bit of cold in Catt if I should
lay out on the ground I would be
hoffed in the morning
there is a great deal of wheat
raised here the corn is 2 or 3
inches high they are hauling the
first time huns & gus are wrong
skas here the soldiers take them
we dont call it stealing it's out
stealing, we call it jayrobbing
if we see any thing we want
we jayrobber it I helped jayrob
ack some sheep the other day,
& the Gen. ordered us to be put
under guard But they let us
go a Gen in the morning, so
we slept just as well that night
Oh Pa I have been promoted to ³third
Corporal what do you think of that?
Mr Martin is sick in Alexandria,
Wm James is at Washington &
Sant is here he keeps home
sick yet he wants to be discharged

we havent got half a Regt now
The Col said the other day, that
440 was all the men he could
muster I dont know where they
have you to there havent sent
2 or 3 died Eld Fuller dont
know half as much as he did
at Liroy, the Surge Col is a
dead drilled man But he is
a Crated sons old shit the
Boys dont like him
I guess we shall go to Fredericks
Burg when we move next
I have got lots of Postage stamps
I guess I will pad 2 or 3 in for
you John Blockham got shot
in the ass some Reed was damn, some
thing, with his revolver & it went
off & took John in the ass
it did not hurt him much he
is walking around this morning
I shall have to stop for the want
of paper write soon from Add

Dear Mother

I have wrote so much to
Pa that I dont know that
I can think of any thing
to say to you only to
sayt our what I have writen
I would like to be at home a little
while & how you make me a
good warm dinner to day, I
havent eat at a table since
I left home ~~it~~ only on
them old boards at LeRoys
~~our~~ living, is good enough
But it aint home living
Tell Henry, if he wears a
gray coat it will make him
seeth he had eate how a Blue
coat tell Mary, to put some
stripes on his arms & make
him an Ordely Sargant these
are the stripes  & these resemble

how does Zack do does he hunt
any, tell Charley & ask to
ketch me a good string of
trout. ^{do} they, reask any
have ^{you} planted any corn
& potatoes how many ^{calus} calves
have you got, has Charley
Fields made ~~any~~ any thing
for that year as does he keep
it yet he dont write to me
yet I wrote to him once

I guess I have written enough
for this time write & tell
me all the news

I must write to Uncle Asa
& my aunt as soon as I get a little
time - ~~do~~ good morning
from Add an officer in the
U. S Army