Manasseh's Station
June 17th, 1861
My dear Mother

I hope you have been kept from anxiety about us since I wrote of the safe & venerable reflec-
tion that had news this past except Edmund wrote to you the day (Sunday June 14th) that twenty five of our company
from Gage & myself among the number star-
ted on an expedition to stop up roads
& obstruct fires on Bull Run between this
place & Occoquan Creek about seven miles
distant from each. We were engaged at that
place from Sunday until Friday & performed
our work to the satisfaction of all
parties. We got back Friday evening and
wrote Saturday & went on Sumner yesterday morning & remained until this morning.
This is an epitome of our history since
Sumner wrote to you.
There was quite a commotion excited in an early company last week by Carter Harrison’s promotion to the rank of Major. In the chagrin that followed, every man was to take care of himself except the few that had friends to do so for them. Randolph was elected captain, Sheldrake & Guthrie major, & Edmund elected their lieutenant, but the non-commissioned officers were swept out & a new one elected. Your friend J. D. Jackson was made corporal. In order to relieve him from work & give him time & inclination to make him for the company, in which he excels any person I have ever seen. Cousin John J. Preston has send for Edmund & myself two or three times, but we have never had time to go. He is one of Youngman’s aides. I called on Cousin Robert Preston once. He is the same in every respect that he is at home. Does not wear any uniform or such splendid clothing as military messes such as parades, batallions, etc.
There are a great many cases of measles in our company but no other serious complaint. Col. Gray's regiment gathered about ten miles from here on the road to Alexandria was halted a day or two ago to advance I take a position about four miles from Alexandria. This is a South Carolina regiment and there is another S.C. regiment between it & this place. The report reached us about half an hour ago that Maryland had a force in the point of receiving and preparing for an attack. I think from the above movement it will be at Harpers Ferry. Besides our regiment received orders an hour ago to be packed & ready to march at a moment's notice. I read on Saturday Grandma Hawley's letter & one from Uncle Frank & Frank & Bride crazy to go. I will answer her letter to-day if I have time. Give my love to Grandma & to your Preston & Uncle Charles. Tell the two just to write to me. I hope your Preston & I will on well with companies.
I heard on my return that Goodman had
killed Jeff on authority too soon to be doubted.
I'll call the route to me, p

Yours affectionately,

Y. F. C.

I wrote this in Mr. Wallen's &kman's place
tank on a stove box.
W. B.,  R.  & Co.

Carnegie

Sawmill and Co.

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