

I have written
Dear Sir
I have written
when I have
of your family
I have written
but you
have not
written from
London
I had to
buy a corn
plate for
out on
the clothes as
I left all
mine in
Winchester
in work
Hawkins Town
March 30

enough to take breath & I take this opportunity
let you know my whereabouts.

(On Monday) After the fight we came as far as
Strasbourg staid until evening then came up to Wood-
stock staid all night & on Tuesday morning came
to this place where we arrived about night, the
next morning went back towards Woodstock &
staid all night out doors within four miles
of the enemy, the next morning came back to
this place where we have been ever since.

Although we had to retreat, we gave the
enemy rather more than they bargained for
they acknowledge a loss of 2000 killed & wound-
ed where as our loss was at the furthest
500 in killed wounded & taken prisoners, most
of whom were taken prisoners. The citizens
of Winchester cheered our prisoners (or rather
their prisoners) as they went through the town
they also buried our dead taking a receipt
from of each one & marking his grave & they
say our dead amounted to 80 while the
graves of the Yankees covered the ground this

We have heard from Col Morrison
& Gen Syle they have been sent on to
Baltimore together with the rest,

The object of Gen Jackson's attack
was to keep the enemy engaged here so as
to keep them from reinforcing the army on
the Potomac, I would not be surprised if
we would cross over the mountain & reinforce
Gen Johnston at any time, something of great
importance is certainly going on, what I can
tell there is a full line of confederates

There is no use of your writing as there
is no mail between the station of this place &
I have done Ruff brought. Ex cause blots & bad
writing yet I will send this by John
between Gen Johnston & Gen Jackson.

Gen Johnston has cut his army off com-
pletely from the world, he does not even
allow soldiers returning to camp to enter his
lines & no one goes out, some citizens who need
down to see their friends can not get home
what is going on no one can tell but time
will clear it up as there is no use in con-
jecturing. I saw Cousin John to-
day (or rather May 13 or 14) of the 8th Va Infy,
he was very well, but greatly concerned
about the health of his men as they had
to sleep out in the rain last night,
he will soon get over that though, they have
mustered them in for the war, exactly
what should have been done six months
ago, but I am opposed to filling up the com-
panies with them as we will have to
take about fifty or more.

Our men who have been home have
more all returned & the company looks rather
better than it did a day or so after the fight.
I have taken Watson's baggage & will send
it home as soon as possible, except his blanket
which I will take charge of as I have only two.

Sidgerwood Muffet came down yesterday
to join the artillery, I have been trying to get
him to join our company but he says too
many are killed & taken to suit him.

~~Mr~~ Cop White saw Gen Jackson
before he left about our company, the
Gen said he was very sorry we had
lost so many men & said he would favor
the company I wish he would hurry up
& give us horses as I am tired of this