

Memorial Junction  
July 27 1861

Dear Mother,

I write on Sat. Monday by the  
M'Henry to let you know that I well am  
but and now I write to give you some  
particulars about the great & glorious battle  
of Stone Bridge

Stone Bridge is about 6 miles East  
of the Junction, we were quartered about  
4 miles <sup>west of it</sup> where we came to on Friday  
having marched 25 miles from Winchester to  
Piedmont Station where we took the Cars  
and came to the Junction having on  
our march forwarded the Shenandoah get-  
ting nothing & having no sleep & knowing  
not how soon Patterson's command  
might attack us on the march, who  
left Winchester <sup>Monday</sup> thinking about  
the same time we did.

We staid here Friday & Saturday being  
on our arms living on Ship Raisins  
which have about as much substance

very well, The two Stockless one  
struck on the side with a piece of  
round slightly wounded, the one  
which was in cousin John's store  
was struck on the neck and shoul-  
der, am afraid he will die.

Lynus Nell more wounded

lightly wounded on the side  
Sam Lightner slightly wounded on  
his right arm, William Anderson  
shot very badly on the knee & am  
afraid he will have to have his  
leg taken off.

There seems to be some doubt  
about who took "Sherman's Bat-  
tery" but there is no doubt that  
our Regiment took it, two of  
our men were killed beyond the  
Battery & Peter Moffatt of the Essex

We have gained one of  
the most complete victories ever  
gained we have 4 pieces of their  
cannon, baggage wagons & every  
thing they had & plenty of their  
men to boot

in them as so much chaff, on Sun. his right breast collar off & killing  
day morning we heard heavy firing on his instantly. Ben Bradley shot on  
our right immediately an aide came the royal hip with a piece of bomb ch  
galloping up & ordered us to the extreme he lived 5 or 6 minutes his last words  
left (? thought we were retreating) but said "Oh Lord have mercy upon me  
as it proved the enemy commenced a poor sinner. Boys pray for me".  
firing on the right to attract attention. Charley Bell, who was killed with us  
to that point whilst they made the main piece of the same bomb he lived  
attack on the left by Stone Bridge about 2 hours his whole right about  
the battle commenced in earnest he was torn off. William B. 6th,  
about 5 o'clock & lasted until 5 in who was shot in the heart with a  
the evening, our Brigade was engaged with hot ball killed instantly.  
from 12 until the retreat of the enemy. Henry Wilson (whom you will  
our regiment (Col James Heston) recollect we called Greener) who  
was placed immediately behind some was shot in the hip with a mus-  
ket ball to support them, our comd hot ball killed instantly by the  
pany supported Thomas' battery from last was Calvin W. <sup>struck</sup> shot  
Richmond Lynch on our faces we on the head with a piece of  
received the enemies fire about bomb, he died the next day  
2 hours, 6 of our men were killed our wounded were Horace Kay  
William Payton shot fairly in Sun who had his fore finger on

on the other side you see covered  
with dead quiches, horses &c &c

I have not been on the field  
since the fight but intend to go  
over this evening. The cowardly

dogs left wounded & dead to  
be taken ~~care of~~ <sup>care</sup> of

by one, <sup>Prof</sup> but I would let them rot  
on the field before I would bury

one of mine, Ellsworth's pet lambs here  
were literally cut to pieces, there stay I believe.

is no doubt that they are brave  
one of them said "they could

fight men but not devils"

Have Campbell Prof Harris  
& Watson Woods father are here to

day, Watson left here with  
William Page's body I do not know

when he will return,

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I had to stop writing yes-  
ter day to remove our camp about

a mile from the old place &  
expected to finish it to send

off to Prof Campbell who  
leaves tomorrow

Watson got back today &  
is well Prof Nelson got

back today & intends to  
stay I believe.

Strickler C I have just  
heard died night before last

his Mother & Father were with  
him

He was seven of us who  
died since we left Lexington

I am afraid Mitchell  
cannot get well, who is

sick with brain fever.

We have our tents & get  
along very well.

I do not suppose the Yankees will come to see Johnston again & you have no idea what a splendid victory we gained every thing they had fell into our hands & were splendidly equipped.

I suppose you remember how I complained about Ann & Bessie moving home with a pencil, but I find it so convenient that I will never think of it again.

If you could send this throw it in the box.

Stewart is a terror to the enemy he says he has enough of food taken from them to feed the army a fortnight, on the retreat some of them stopped in a yard to fill their canteens & get some water when some one said that Stewart was coming, they left hats, coats, canteens, and jumped the fence & did not stop running until they got to Alexandria.

They say there never was a more complete rout in the world the road is lined with universal canteens &c &c Stewart played havoc with them on the retreat they left the road to avoid him.

You ought to see the battle field, it is ploughed up with cannon balls, one side is dotted here & there with the graves of our men.