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will have to be taken off  
several others were wounded  
but you do not know them, two  
were killed, one (Gregory) was  
most truly wounded, finding that  
the enemy could not be driven  
from his position by artilleray  
Gen Jackson ordered the 2d Reg  
(Col Schol's old reg) (now commanded  
by Col Grigsby of Rockbridge) to  
charge on the battery which they  
did & succeeded in driving them  
from their position, Indell had  
wanted them of the regt, Jackson  
sent off in the Center & a Soneston  
Brigade on the left taking one  
battery & a great number of  
prisoners, the rout was now  
general & complete. The enemy  
hurried away guns & pouches  
& every thing that impeded their  
flight.

Dear Sister

I hasten to let you  
know of my safety & my whereabouts -  
My last letter was  
written from near Strasburg, we  
left there the next day, marched  
to Harrisonburg from there towards  
Gordonsville but turned off to  
Front Royal where after a slight  
skirmish we succeeded in  
routing the Reg which was sta-  
tioned there, capturing nearly the  
whole Reg & a great quantity  
of stores &c &c, stait there all  
night started the next morn-  
ing towards Winchester but  
turned off at the Middle Town  
Road which is half way between  
Strasburg & Luray (Hanks with  
his division was at Strasburg) when

we got to Middle Town, Banks force was going through the town, we cut off about 2600 with their train, Ewell's force was sent after them pursued them back to Strasburg & I doo have captured the whole body, Gen Jackson's Division Gen Johnston's and the rest of Ewells were in pursuit of the main body towards Winchester, they made a stand near Newtown, but were driven from their positions in a short time, we capturing more prisoners, we continued the pursuit to within two miles of Winchester (capturing the gun as part of their train, some of which they had burnt) here they laid an ambuscade, our brigade was in front at this time, the cavalry in front

which was driven back, when the 13<sup>th</sup> Reg was ordered up which was also driven back, then Gen Jackson deployed the 1<sup>st</sup> on the right & surrounded the piece of woods, capturing nearly all of them, we went on toward Hixson's town driving to stop several times to avoid being surprised we stopped within a mile of Winchester, the next morning, finding the enemy had taken up position just at the edge of town, prepared for battle & advanced cautiously the first brigade in front, Pogue's artillery took up position on a hill & opened fire on the enemy, which was returned fiercely by the enemy, the battery suffered severely (John Moore was wounded slightly on the head, Frank Preston had his left arm broken, which

opines at this with a good deal  
of heat and a very frank  
and decided opinion. He  
stated that he is growing more  
and more and more and we would  
not get him back till we had  
arrived at the South. His wife  
was not there in New York  
and while it was hard to  
find him down there  
but we did.

Well I think it must be  
that I expect when we  
arrive into you will find  
such great odds on the side of the  
Confederacy.

And so long as I am here

We came on Tuesday Winchester  
at double quick time driving  
thence four miles beyond, when  
we were so tired we could not  
proceed further, here we camped  
and will stay to-day, the enemy  
are now at Martinsburg reported  
to be making a stand, I suppose  
they have been heavily reinforced  
as Banks's Column will not be  
fit for service for a long time  
if ever, I suppose we have the  
greater part of his army, some  
6,000 or 7,000 prisoners perhaps more  
our loss was very slight, we are  
now in a very critical place  
as we have no army at Martinsburg  
we are liable to be cut off, if the  
enemy choose to, I expect Jackson  
will rest here a day or

or so & then move forward again but I forgot to tell you that before leaving town the enemy set fire to Market Street & burnt down one or two houses, they endeavoured to fire the whole town but we were so closely posted that they could not, you have no idea of the extent of the work the enemy destroyed a great deal, but we have a great quantity of ammunition stores etc & Winchester is supplied with coffee, sugar, molasses, oranges, lemons, pigs & every conceivable thing. It is pronounced here to be the greatest victory of the war, but I think he ought to be content with what he has & not trust his neck too far down as there is a railroad from Martinsburg to Washington

City & they can be reinforced heavily in a short time & our army is completely broken down we have now been on the march 44 days with only two days rest, though our regiment was just in front they were not fired upon once, so we have not a man hurt I will write again shortly

— Ted

PS I went to town & saw some ladies though I have not gotten my clean clothes yet, I am still living dirty

Good bye

Ted

I have a splendid Yester'day  
Belgium  
July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863 —