

Dear Mother
I received your letter of the 10th and was
glad to hear from you. I am well and
hope these few lines will find you the same.

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Our army is in fine condition. I daily in-
creasing in strength. We doubtless will have
a hard campaign & many noble & gallant
spirits must fall, but what is that in view
of the tremendous issues at stake.

Never for one moment must we allow the
thought of submission to enter our
minds, in view of the difficulties to
be encountered for. He who would be free
must himself strike the blow.

I trust there is not one so recreant to
his sense of duty as now in our hour of
trial to desert that glorious banner and
act all over with the names of battle.

which will render the Circles of States
of America immortal as long as the world
will stand.

And I trust, as our army
who have to stand the hardships of the war
are thus determined & consecrated to the
cause, that those at home will cheerfully
bear the little inconveniences which must
necessarily result from such a state

of affairs & at least speak words of en-
couragement to the soldiers & not endeavor
to shake their confidence in the cause of
religion & civil liberty.

I think all
will work harmoniously & after a few
more trials we shall be a free happy &
independent people.

While our temporal affairs are thus bright
& prosperous. How is it with our spiritual
lives! Do we continue to grow in the love of
God & the world continually pressing for-
ward to the mark of our high calling! I trust
we are. We had the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
Lord's supper administered on last Sunday
in our Brigade. I think it is delightful
to have these points for renewed consecra-
tion of ourselves to the Lord. Oh how devoted
we should be. Every drop of blood in our
veins should ~~be~~ the Lord for this great
salvation. He shed his blood for us.
We have also had some delightful meetings
of our Association. My duties as President
expired at last meeting. Capt Wilson was
elected for the next three months.

I have seen an account of a notice of
the memoirs of Capt White in the Central
Presbyterian. Hope it will soon get to
the Army, for the life of such a Christian
must be of benefit to those who read it.
Give my love to all friends.

Your bro
A.G.B.

My commission hasn't come yet, but
throw away your weeds yet though as
it will get here after awhile.

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