

Rapahamack

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Dear Mother

I thought

I should write a few
lines to you this
morning to let you
know of my intention
to leave the Rapahan
man day night at 10
o'clock & march all
night & all the next
days untill 10 in the
morning the distance
of about 28 miles
We are on the east
side of the river
But you have got men
on the other side

our Company had a skirmish with this advanced Guard yesterday in the afternoon our Company drove them back

We are laying here waiting for an attack. Perhaps before I write again we shall have a tussle with the Rebels. I am well and enjoying my self good.

Perhaps you think it is an able thing to be in front of the enemys guns. But we dont consider it any thing new. Bad the Whistling of Balls are much to a soldiers Salutes

The Boys are all well
Faber Reed is well on in
the ranks & gain

Phylos, Stephens Childs
is sick But is getting
better he will be all san
d in a day or two

The order is now for us
to carry 40 rounds of
cartridge in our Box &
when we go into action
we must have 100 We
have got a 100 now
Well I must close
at once. Do not worry

& stone & put a heart
me. I am well enough
off & if I get killed or
Wounded I shall be as
well off as a this valley
are offit and tell me
all the news & who

is existing

I had a letter from
mantrou. At other
days he says he
shant enlist I think
he is off. I hope he
want he draft.

I am now suspects
to all the folks my
hairs & my wife's hair