

Near Fort Cass on a hill sitting down resting  
or waiting for orders. } July 24<sup>th</sup>  
 } Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 1867

Notes, We took a transport from Bellows Island  
and came around by (past) Mauriac & up  
to Washington We got there Sunday morning  
We staid at the Soldiers Retreat untill yesterday  
at 10 o'clock and then we came to the Concession  
Camp just across the Chow Bridge. We staid  
there untill evening and then they ordered us  
all to fall in & they marched us out & gave  
us all a Masket & 40 rounds of ammunition  
(then they marched a bout 500 yds up hill  
I should think we was a bout 2 miles from the  
Chow Bridge (up the river from the Bridge)  
Then we are going to, or what we are agoiny to  
do. We cant tell. But I spose they are a fixed  
the Rebs are a going to try to get into Washington  
& they dont know exactly where our Regts. are at the present  
time, so they will set us a guarding around here  
untill the Big fight is over. There is going to  
be a big old fight soon every one is looking for  
a fight & among the Concessionarts too looks a  
little like fight. But we dont fight any probably  
we are only for guard I guess

I saw Bryant Johnson yesterday at the Cavalry Camp  
Camp I dont know whether he is going to his  
Regt or not. I saw ~~Mr~~ <sup>Wm</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>Davis</sup> from my  
company he says the Regt is Cavaladated with  
the 94 & are Co. I. 94. Regt they are doing  
Prou duty now so they are having good times  
& I wish I was with them now & I shall go  
just as soon as I can Rogers is our Capt.  
Adrian R Root is Col. <sup>of the 94s</sup> & a Bully man too  
I dont know as there is near now this time  
I dont know where you would direct a letter to  
have it get to me so you must write until  
I get to a stopping place & I dont know where  
that will be

I will write often so you can  
know where I am (I am well)

I suppose Hooker is relieved of his command

I dont know much about Meed, but I think  
when they have tried ~~all~~ Gen Meed, I shall recommend  
to the President for Yankin Gordon to take command  
of the army

If you are little "Mac"  
if they want me to fight

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