

Alexandria Va
May 18, 1865

Dear Sister and all

I guess you will be glad to learn that I have got back as far as A-- We came here to day from this side of Fairfax C.H.

Yesterday we viewed a considerable Portion of the Bull Run battle ground, Centreville and Fairfax Things look very natural at Centreville but Fairfax is changed a good deal they have built considerable additions to their works since I was there besides fortifying the Court House and building very extensive Barracks for horses and Barricades

Nature has tried hard to obliterate the traces of war and has partially succeeded

We came by the way of Richmond Spottsylvania C.H. Weaverville & Catlet station

At Spottsylvania I viewed part of Grants field of operations many men are lying there to day that never even recieved common burial and acres upon acres of trees of all sizes are cut down while the limbs of trees are scattered around in every direction

at Chancellorsville things looked very natural although I did not get to the immediate vicinity of our part of the Battle

It is reported that we lay here now till we recieve our final discharge everything looks as if we were to have our part of rain to night

It looks fine to see Alexandria again since peace and uninterrupted commerce is guaranteed to it

I think it will take till next month to make our discharges out

If everything is all right soon after I get home I think I shall go West and try my fortune again not as a grocery clerk but as a man or boy as you would call it paddling his own canoe an opportunity is offered by which I can get into partnership should I choose at what I always called my favorite occupation "Farming" the location is desirable but it is useless to count chickens before they are hatched so I will get home, look round and make up my mind after I get this job off my hands But please excuse give my love to all and Write soon to your loving son & Brother

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