

Last Tuesday the Caffery's Co
was ordered out on a scout we went
8 or 10 miles towards the enemy
and found 60 of them meading
on our soil when they saw us
they put spurs to horses and left
we staid there on pick till morning
then 20 of us started in pursuit
we had you more than 2 miles
when we saw them we was divide
into 5 divisions called skirmish-
ers the rebels fired on us and run
all but our in stead his ground
the first of our men or skirmishers
fired on him the 4th shot brought
him down it was made by sergeant
Wm Earl of new albion, none
of our men hurt, Jeff
will tell the rest of the news

Direct to me in care
of John Shanley Box 525
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Give my respects to all your
folks in justice
W D Smith

Alexandria Aug the 5 1861
Good Morning

Friend Andrew how
do you do, I believe that the
lean boys are all well, and
feel like fighting if we get action
we moved from Camp Mary
a week ago last Sunday we
started to Bulls Run to help
sustain our union, we took a
boat at Washington and came
to this City, then we took the cars
for Fairfax, we arrived at Fairfax St
Station at 7 o'clock, staid for sup-
per we staid there till nearly 12 o'clock
by this time we began to get pretty
tired we all had our knapsacks they
weighed about 40 pounds, and then the
rest of our equipments made a good
load, we was not aloud to take off
our baggage nor sit down ourselves
after standing this length of time
we wanted to meet the enemy, but no
such good luck as that

we was ordered some where but
the Captains did not know where then
so as we started in full speed
with Company I in front and Co
H in the rear I & H is the Cattaran
Companies we marched for 2 miles
when we came up to Co. I. then
Capt Hearmen and Capt Clark
mistakenly that we was retreating
and told us sit down and rest and
so as, we had not been there more
than 15 or 20 minutes when back came
the Colonel, Come boys if you
dont hurry you will get your
throats Cut every one of you the
Enemy is in one hour march of
us, this finished our rest we then
marched nearly 3 miles then took the
Cass for Alexandria again we arrived
about 8 o'clock, it rained very hard
we stood about till about noon
then was marched to fort Elsworth
then we had no shelter it still
rained, we was so tired and sleep
that we all laid down in the mud
and rain and took a good nap

by this time our tents had got
all up the 2 Batt, Co. was chosen
to stay and guard the fort we
struck our tents while the rest
of the regiment went to the City
they took an scession house for qua-
rters we staid in the fort till thursday
morning then was ordered to the City
on police duty we while on duty
took 75 or a 100 drunken Irish
to prison and amongst the
rest we took 1 of the 2^d of new jersey
men for shooting a woman, he
was tried and found guilty yester-
day he was hung in ft Elsworth
we was all there it was a hard
site, he walked up so bold, not
the least tremble, he was not boun-
in the least when he staid on the
scaffold he took off his hat for the
marshal to put the roof over his
head, after it was done he placed
the roof so it suited him self. then
put his hands behind himself to be
tied he did not tremble he then
was hanged and the scaffold dropped