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Near Manassas Junction
July 22d 1861

The quiet of our beautiful Sabbath, my precious, darling mother, was utterly destroyed by a tremendous battle yesterday. I find George McGlincey here, & have only time to send you a hasty note to say that I am well, thank God, without a scratch. The engagement became general about 111/2 A.M. Tho' an irregular fire had been kept up all morning. From 111/2 to 4 the strife? & carnage were fearful. Gen. Jackson had the middle fingers of his left hand broken. Capt. Pendleton (now Col.) had his ear tipped & his thigh hit by a Spent ball. Sandie Pendleton scratched & his horse Shot. Gen J's horse Shot. I met with no accidents. We routed them completely & overwhelmingly. I have no idea of the loss on either side. Theirs doubles ours - They outnumbered us two to one our officers suffered terribly. Capt. Wm. Nelson hit in the heart - dangerous but not fatal. Wm. Lee, poor Wm, shot thru the Center of the breast bone - the all drove in a button & the cloth. but I don't think is in there. I fear it is latal. I am writing in the room with him, about 4 miles from the Junction & 1 from the battle field. He may get well, but I fear not - His regiment is covered with glory - it took a battery of rifled cannon supposed to be Shermans. Peyton Marrison is Killed, & Holmes & Tucker Conrad fell side by side. I saw their three corpses. Lloyd Powell is Killed.

Thank God for our victory. We drove the enemy entirely off, in ignominious metreat. Captured all their cannon - Some splendid ones - Oh! how horrible is the metallic field. They took off most of their dead & wounded, but left a great many. I took a revolver from a prisoner, & got a splendid Army saddle & bridle & saddle cover- I aided agreat deal in taking care of our wounded. Helped to bind wounds is saw off legs &c- No time for more - Our Brigade is almost immortalized, but

for us the day would have been lost - No body hurt in Butlers Company - Eb. Shaver & Jno. Feaman touched - Capt. B's hat pierced. Wm L. Clark of Winchester-badly wounded.-

Thank our gracious God for all his great mercies.— Darling, darling, Mother, farewell— I saw Bro. Jno. Powell this morning — he is well— Fondest love to Pa, the brs. & sister Ellen.— Write to Sue immediately on getting this — I don't know when I can move Wm. if at all.

God bless you all.

Ever fondly Your Son

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