



March the 17. 1862 Va
Camp Near Bush Hill

Dear Mother,

I now take my pen in hand
to write a few lines to you I am
well & hope that you are the same
I enjoy my self very well now I
am sitting on the ground, a writing to
& the sun is pouring down in great
splendor on our new camp in the woods
the great Army of the Potomac has
at last started, as soon as our east
Army started the rebels heard of it
they began to evacuate Centerville &
Nannassas they burnt & destroyed
most all of there property & hospital
stores but after all our forces got hold
of one of the South Carolina regiments
& hospital stores which they hid in an
old building it consisted of all kinds
of delicacies that our soldiers ever