



"Flag of the free heart's  
hope and home!  
By angel hands to valor  
given."

Camp Fairbanks July 10th 1861

Brother

The fault is just your  
doubtless have all the news in  
the papers of the day here are  
that day I wrote Dr. Eckhardt the fault  
has been received it We have had nothing  
exciting in camp for a few days past  
except the inevitable camp accidents which  
always occur where large bodies of men  
are gathered together Yesterday there was  
an accident in the Rock Island regi-  
ment by the bursting of artillery cartridges  
you will see the account of it in the paper  
which I send you Two men were buried  
in the city yesterday which were killed in  
an engagement in Alexandria

Yesterday morning it was rumored around  
camp that we was a going to break camp  
and move into Virginia ~~then~~ toward  
now it became evident that some more