



Williams Port Md. May 27<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Mother Sisters and Brothers.

I suppose the bad news will reach you before this letter does and you will be very anxious to know ~~how~~ whether I am alive or not the rebels went around the Mountain and come out at Newtown a place 5 miles below Strasburg intending to surround the whole force but our train of teams started for Winchester early in the morning just as the rebels come out on the road then they began to pour the Shells and bullets into the train when the Brigade got down there there were about 15000 of them in and around the town as soon as we got down there and saw our situation we took a lane and retreated down into the Woods among their Shell and bullets and kept on and got to Winchester about 10 O'clock where we stoped over night they renewed the fight