



Williamsport Md June 7. 1862

Dear Mother Sisters and Brothers I received your letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you I wrote to you the next day after we got here but I guess you did not get it until you sent you letter Our retreat and defeat I suppose has caused considerable excitement in the northern States although we got out of it well considering the situation we were in. Gen Mc Clellan sent a dispatch to Gen Banks ordering him to retreat but Banks got it nine hours too late so the enemy had nearly out flanked us and had all the chance they could ask for to capture our little handfull of men numbering only 5000. ~~Our~~ Our Company have lost twelve men either killed or prisoners George Dodge was one of the teamsters and was shot in his wagon. Gen't Blak