

Sept. 1st
Camp Lyon ~~Aug. 7~~ 1861
My dear wife

I received
yr letters every day, so I
always have th^o something
good. However much bad
may come — Cant write
much of a letter as I am
rather tired — have been
over to Va. to day in
command of an escort for
an engineer on a recon-
noitering tour — It has
been a delightful day &
we had a good time.
We were about an hour too
late to catch the rebel
cavalry or be caught
by them —

Butlers victory causes
much joy in camp.