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Shoulder one on the near fore leg one
in the back on the right side & one
on the right shoulder yet like the
master had good for another fight &
takes his food and looks as mischievous
as ever - I took him down to Fairfax
from the first the day after Elmer
came down - Elmer is seriously
wounded but we hope the best as
~~surely that he will get along~~
not lose his leg - He has the best
attendance by Doct Wood & Gale &
I am going to keep Maria here to
nurse him until he is able to accom-
pany our home Every thing has been
and will be done for him possible -
Doct Wood & Gale have taken him un-
der their especial charge - I am going
to buy a hair mattress & some other
comforts, he is very cheerful & feeling
just rate. Gen Stahel calls on him
every day & says he will do anything
he can for him in the way of promotion -
Gen Hunt also has complimented
him for his daring bravery - the boys in
our Co H shed many tears over
the death of Drake and have
sent his remains home one of

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Washington June 8th 1863

You have probably ere this heard of the des-
perate fight of our boys & the 1st Ft with
Moseby and their capture of one piece of
Artillery from him. I was at Fairfax at the
time and ^{had} got everything ready to come
here with Maria to send her home -
Gen Stahel hearing of the affair or-
dered me to take what men there
was in our Regt & the 1st Ft - and go to
Kettle Run as was supposed it must be
there as Moseby had never had artillery
It appears that Moseby had about 100
men and one piece of artillery, which
had been sent him by Gen Lee but
four days before the attack. The train
about 3 miles from where we are for the
the intermediate flows on the road are
only flat iron. Moseby placed his
piece in the woods near the track loosened
a rail attached a wire to the same
and as the train came up pulled

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It off which brought matters to a stand
 at the same time opening upon the
 locomotive with grape & shell; the guards
 on the train all ran away, which is
 what we all expect them to do being
 4-8 months men. When the firing
 was heard at our camp our men
 under Capt. Heston about 60 in
 number with Lieut. Barker Boutelle
 & Smith though started to get in the
 rear if possible; Lieut. Col. Preston of
 the 1st Mt. with about 100 men went to
 the immediate place where the
 firing was heard - Our men came up
 with them just about 6 or 7 miles from
 where they attacked the train and
 pitched into them at once. Elmer found
 that our men were like to be repulsed
 and called for volunteers to charge
 on the gun - The road was narrow
 with high banks flanked with dense
 forest of pines which was an excellent
 cover for the Rebels and from which

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they poured in a murderous fire.
 Elmer charged on the gun with about
 20 men & when within 2 rods of the
 cannon the Rebels opened upon them
 with grape & canister killing or wounding
 all but one of the > that were in the
 advance with Lieut. Barker - This was
 about the last shot they had the Vol-
 unteers coming up at this time the rebels
 deserted their piece and took to their
 heels - Our Regt had killed Corporal
 Drake of Co. H. grape through the head
 one man in Co. B & in Co. C, Corporal
 J. Webster 2 pistol shots near the hip
 his wounds are slight & some 4 others
 are wounded a not seriously - Elmer
 had two grape shots through the left leg
 about half way between the knee
 and hip, one bone injured - 2 grape
 shot hit his saddle one tore the sole
 of his boot and he was also wounded on
 the hand - His horse Prince has one
 shot in the neck just forward of the

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5 boys killed Capt Hastings of
British Service who has been
at Marseilles about 2 months - He had
medals on his body 2 Crimson 2
Crimson 2 White - The third
teller has also mortally wounded
taken prisoner - He says Corcoran re-
ated charges under gun was the
most daring thing that he ever wit-
nessed - Lt Bondell of Co A had his
arm killed by a shell passing thro'
which only burst after passing
through him striking a fence - Our
squad of horses killed one animal
the R.I. - 1 man killed & 2
wounded please show this to
my sisters.

Yours
John Hammond

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Your kind letter has remained
looking unopened but the time
has been passing & no time for
writing I come in from the front
near Kettle Run to save I of my
grains killed which has consummated
last evening some to my
satisfaction as it has relieved me
from intense pain which I have en-
dured for the last ten days