

invited all hands to help them
relax, we were all standing
around expecting something good
when he got the lid off it would
have done you good to see them
all look crest - except us
above from that box - all the dead
horses in Reids' stables was not
a patching, they had put in one
chicken which had spoilt all
the things in the box - cake was
cut strawberries all all sorts of
good things - all well good
bye Fred

Winchester June 19
1861

My Dear Mother.

We left Henniker on last
Wednesday & arrived here yesterday even
ing all well safe & sound. I do not
know where we will leave here I expect
we will remain here some time but
do not know. The Rockbridge Compa-
ny came here this morning except by
Pocahontas which will come to-mor-
ning all were glad to see us so
soon as they heard the company was
near our quarters messes piled full
of their messes, every one asking a
thousand questions and giving ^{and} answers.

There are about 5000 men
here & most are on their way
they are coming from Harper's Ferry
as fast as they can it will be calc-
ulated soon to blow up the river
as fast as they leave wing away.

as much as they can & what they
cannot bring they are ordered to
burn. Gen Johnson will be here
this evening. The cause of confrontation
is not known but the Troops here
here think it is because the
Federal Troops will not attack it
as long as we have troops here &
there are now here 3800 men
doing nothing. Whom they intend to
send west the Rockbridge Companies skirmishes with the enemy. Friends
leave this evening for the west.

The Federal Troops come
to Romney the County Seat of
Monroe in order to cut off
the supplies from Roberts Ferry
which come from here -

As we were coming here
some men come galloping up
to the wagons saying that the
Federal Troops were about 2 miles

place. We were soon formed
and came up to Winchester at a double
quick guns loaded and ready
we saw the enemy till we
came & we sat down noisy.
giving out having run about 1½
miles. The Rockbridge Cavalry,
Capt White was stationed in
Beechley County. They had several
skirmishes with the enemy. Friends
who was at College this year shot
one Yankee Bob Estill shot
another another of the company
shot three the Yankees killed
many one of our men they say
he shot about 18 feet above

The have very good horses
today a Captain Roberts who
off and advertising upon his
box which was sent to him \$