

few of them
giving day of
I not come to
some thanks that
my particular friend
me as I hope
was kind from
my new looking
point to a
blessed eternally
I hope I may
spare this year
to better allow
I hope than I
have my other
When I get
to I remember
we will send you
some things I
cannot keep
for this summer
among other
I think my
coat, as they say
we will have
our black
I clothing to
any of the
that I have
I think I
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To-day being the day appointed by President
Davis for Thanksgiving I will write you a
few lines.

I received your letter by Mr. Davis
but the carpet bag was sent back to Sherman.

We left our camp near Sherman
on the day after I wrote & came as far as
Buffalo Gap. The next day marched to the top
of the Alleghany mountains from there
across the Shenandoah to within 10 or 12 miles
of Monterey. There the enemy made a
stand. The engagement commenced near
dark & lasted until nine that night
we gained the field but at rather a
dear price as we lost 60 or 70 men killed
& between 300 or 400 wounded. The
enemies loss is thought to be greater
and our brigade was not engaged. The next
morning our brigade was put in front

paper is full, give my love to Agg & babies
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I drove the enemy past McDaniel, camped
two miles the other side having captured
a large lot of ammunition tents &c from
there marched to the Parkersburg Road & camped,
the next day continued the pursuit
within two miles of Franklin the County
seat of Randolph. Then the morning
made another stand our regiment was
the first sent up, our company together
with two others were deployed as skirmishers
where we drove in their pickets one of the
companies losing a man, the enemy had
set the mountain on fire which we
passed through, we were halted within
sight of the enemies batteries stationed
on a hill. The regiment was two or three
hundred yards in the rear, the enemy
fired on each side of us we lying
behind trees so that they could not
see us, but some of the boys kept
exposing themselves until they attracted
the attention of the enemy, when they

to have the ^{cause} called to help him in his contract as
yet a transfer ^{to cavalry}, he can have it done as
he is acquainted with influential men in ^{Richmond}
turned their batteries upon us, at
first fired a shell which burst within
four yards of Capt White throwing the
shot all over him but not injuring
any one, the place was now very dan-
gerous so we fell back behind a ledge
of rocks just in time to escape a
shower of grape shot which certai-
nly would have killed all of us
if we had stood where we were
after firing two or three times they
again turned their attention pro-
us to some regiments which were
in our left, now was the time to
endeavour to get off the hill so
we fell back two or three hundred
yards when we met the burning
mountain, you can imagine our
dilemma the enemy in front & a
burning mountain in our rear
we managed to get through the fire
& joined the regiment again & came

back to camp got our supper & slept
two or three hours, the next morning
finding that the enemy had again
retreated, we would no longer pursue
we fell back to this place 20 miles
from Summiton I suppose we too mor-
row will go to ~~the same place~~ ~~to the same place~~
about the distance of 140 miles neither
rest, but I am willing to march for this
to get back in the valley, I do not know
how soon I get to Summiton as I have
had this sort of clothes on for over three
weeks, I found my knapsack again one
of the regiment had taken care of it for
me but the clothes had been ~~wet so long~~
that they were no account. The stockings
I will send home as they are very good
except some holes in the foot.

This is my eighteenth birthday, now different from
my last which was spent at home & the low
muttering of the storm could just be heard
but now has burst with all its fury upon