

but before the Corporal could catch him
he fired again the shot-taking effect in
his Breast just at the heart but he was
no sooner shot - than the Corporal shot
the handkerchief blowing the Back piece
of his head off & after he fell the other
man ran his bayonet through him
in two or three places the boys say
that the Col. kept long enough to see
the man shot & his last words were good
Boy the Troops are a very hard set of
men but not so bad as the stories that
are told of them & all they want is
for the Col. to give them a chance
for a fight - for they say that they
are ~~afraid~~ ^{glad} for a fight but - I
must bid you good bye for we are
in Camp Wilson now & I am out
as cook of our mess to day & it is
about time for to serve up dinner
don't forget me to all of my friends
Give my love to Maggie Mattie & Mattie
Rip the children for me tell them
that I am sorry they have not been here for
we expect a visit from about ten of them
about to night or tomorrow To Hester

H. Hutchinson
May 29th 1860

Alexandria May 29th

Dear Brother

Your very welcome
letter I received this morning &
very glad I was to hear from home
for I have not seen a place on
the route I liked so well as old
Detroit we left Washington for
Alexandria on Sunday morning
at 2 O'clock distance eight miles
we arrived at 6 O'clock our company
were ahead about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile
acting as scouts when we were
within two miles of the town
we saw the enemys scouts ahead
on the look out for us as soon
as they saw us they turned &
and we marched into town in
platoons Co A being the first to
enter we marched down to the depot
& just as we turned the corner

there was a troop of Carabaz came
out - on the street ahead of us
our column was at once halted &
the artillery came thundering
down the line unslinging their
guns & were ready to fire in less
time than it takes me to write
it - so soon as they saw that
we were so much their superiors
they surrendered. we took 33 men &
horses we then took possession of the
city there was a detail of men
sent from our Company to beat
up back cut - down telegraph wires
& burn the bridges for six or seven
miles around the town the folks
were very much frightened when
they found the Fire Tonnages were
with us for they have more fear for
one of them than a full regiment of any
other regiment they feel awfully bad
about their boys for they thought all
the world of him & if they had known

at the time that he was dead there
would have been no killing what they
would have done it seems hard that
so young a man & so good an Officer
should be killed so young for if he
had lived he would have left his mark
wherever he went I think that he was
a little to good for the man that put
the coffin ^{flag} on his house some that
if it ever came down it would be over
his dead body & the boys knew it before
he went after the flag as they were
coming up from the river they had
to pass the house where the flag was
the boys were up in front & blocked it
down the landlord told him that he
would not do it - at that he took two
men with him to went to the top
of the house took the flag down & was
on the stairs when the landlord fired
at him the Corporal who the Col had
taken in struck the gun & knocked it
up the shot - staking effect - just above