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Ohio

Fairfax Court House

July 18th 1861

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1861.

11 o'c. P.M. July 4th

Dear Mother, you are a true
friend by writing to me
and I am sure you will give
me a good time. We
march at two o'clock
in the morning to attack the
enemy. The enemy

they are strong and
tricked the soldiers
and the soldiers
will fall down and
feel down and
who kills the

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Faded flower, when
Lempicki saw to get
presented to me
fall to pieces. The
birds in his hand
of course in the
in his way, the
you should send me
the one at Washington
with me to the city
of course I will
in a few days
God bless you
A. C. ...

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Emma

You have probably heard
of our departure from the day before
yesterday and are probably some what
concerned in regard to my personal safe-
ty. You may indeed have heard some
exaggerated accounts of the Battle of Fair-
fax Court House. I doubt however what
if you got a piece of a letter which
I sent you from Washington and
won do. I know as you will get this
but I will write it some how you
will doubtless learn before you go
this that the above mentioned battle was
a myth entirely. We left Washington
on about 20 minutes notice on Tuesday
afternoon about 4 o'clock P.M. Our column
was commanded by Major Gen. McDowell &
divided into three divisions of which
was the center. The first division moved
slightly from the main track taking the
Alex. & Culpeper road in order to take the en-
emy at Fairfax in the flank. Our di-
vision was composed of 4 companies of
M.S. Cavalry, 3 batteries of light artiller-
y, ^{with} several pieces of light green guns

Some companies of regular
infantry and about 1000 regts
of volunteers. Our advance guard
in sight of the Court House about
6 o'clock A.M. yesterday morning and
the enemy without waiting to fight
gave up like a saint complete
The arms of flesh and
I trust the fact. We arrived about dawn
the roads being very much damaged
by broken and burnt bridges and
trees fallen across the road by the re-
bels. We encamped in the tents they
had left up on the grounds. We were
troubled here in great measure
in quiet meaning that we have had
positive engagements though we had an
alarm last night on account of our
pickets being fired on probably by some
of the enemys scouts. This morning
we were found on line early but had
not now 1 o'clock P.M. advanced more
than half a mile on account of obstruc-
tions in the road ahead. We are now
resting near the house of a noted "re-
cessioner" who has run away & his
house is pretty thoroughly ransacked by
the boys in search of plunder. By the
way plundering has been carried on

