

Camp, Bedford, Penn.  
Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Mother:  
The matter of my court martial is over  
and I am glad you have seen the charges & findings.  
I am glad you are all well.

Commander present to send Order and Military Discipline.

Specification.

That on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1863, the Second Brigade  
First Division, U.S.A., commanded by Col. A. S. Hall  
and the order of said Col. Hall was in the field on brigade  
order in said field, at said time, as one of the fullalions  
of said brigade, was the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Bns. That under the  
order of said Col. Hall, it became necessary for the  
said 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Bns. to pass through, or under,  
a certain line of said field in which is the Headquarters  
of said 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Bns. That at that  
time only when said Lieut. Albon W. Souyeu, then  
acting as officer of said guard, seeing the  
situation approaching, on said march, rose up and  
said, "By God you can't pass <sup>come</sup> through here." At the  
same time drawing his sword, and therewith struck  
Private John M. McCorney of Co. No. 68<sup>th</sup> Ind. Inf.  
said Private McCorney in the chest & there

in his proper place and said well and then and there  
Marching in said ballad, then and there, inflicting  
a wound in the breast of him the said Mulouney, with said  
sword - at this at the Camp of said 2nd Brigade <sup>Irregulars</sup> Pen.,

To this the Accused pleaded as follows, <sup>J. S. Scoley</sup>  
To the Indictment Not guilty  
To the Charge Not guilty  
Of the Indictment Not guilty - except that he did thrust  
with his sword but not maliciously  
Of the Charge Not guilty.

And the Court do  
therefore sentence him the said <sup>1st Lt.</sup> Albion to be  
discharged by the Command officer of his regt  
and the commanding officer of the regt.  
The findings of the Court are approved  
Maj. Genl. Reynolds.

The above very remarkable sentence was read  
aloud by the Adjutant, before the officers of the  
regt - and he heard it. At its conclusion the  
Genl said with a significant smile, "Lieut I have  
nothing more to add. You will return to duty to-  
morrow."

You will see that I am cleared  
of every thing charged and sentenced to

reprimand for - Heaven and the Court only  
know what. - It reminds me of the decision  
of Custum in the Colt case. I suppose the  
Court was of opinion that if I did not seek a  
reprimand for what was charged I did for  
something else. Well, if Uncle Sam can  
pay me to lay still for a month, I can  
do it and not whim. I have been  
to Winchester and seen Graves today.  
He is a blue enough. He wanted me to  
testify something against his being an abo-  
litionist when at the North. I told him  
I thought he had better not seek for proof on  
that point.

Very Truly  
A. W. Sawyer