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PENNSYLVANIA

Camp near Fort Lyon Va
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Dear Friend Savage

I received your
 jolly old letter this morning and
 must think that you suppose me as
 mean as those you wrote to before
 I do not know where your letter
 could be delayed but never mind
 I will write as often as you do
 The men are all in good health
 and I feel like a young cott
 and I hope you feel as good.
 we expect to have a battle very
 soon and it will be a hard
 fought one no doubt but I will

participate in it when I will put a
few of them out of the road - if
— they dont shut my light off
but they cannot put a better
looking fellow out of the way
(that is a note)

The old man thought fit to give
me my warrant so dont put lance
on my sword any more. He
must put a ~~decit~~ sight of dependance
on me but he dont know me.
old Pady knew me better.

We are living near Alexandria
and a fine little town it is
but full of scoundrels there fine ^{fine} if
you have money and none if you
have none. The Company is in Genl
Heintzelmans division the camp
is composed of 4 batteries and
one squadron of cavalry all under
command Capt. Thompson. we have
had no cold weather here yet

and as for drill I have not had
any in two months. G^d Battery is
called the best drilled in the
Army of the Potomac ^{and} is going to
be made an eighth ^{regiment} battery off
Washington is now completely surrounded
with forts and I think it would
be hard work for the rebels to
take it. in fact they would
quail when they seen bulldogs
pointing at them from every little
hill if that would not make
them put back then the Army
will. O. say it is bedtime
Laps will soon go so I will
stop. Sickiss has got the C. - again
with two shank-^s pretty well
aliced he sends his best respects
to you all the old hands
and you their best respects
I will close with wishing you
good night ^{I remain} Your humble friend
Excuse this it was done in ^{a hurry} William Wilson