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Dear Aunt and Uncle. It is Sunday evening and as the mail did not go out to day I thought I would ^{write} a few lines more I have been to meeting today. we have good meetings down here our chaplain is one of the best of men he is almost a father to us all and has a kind word for us whenever we meet him. there has been a fight about fifteen miles from ^{here} to day we could hear the cannon very plain it seemed fairly to jare the ground the boys counted ~~of~~ thirteen reports in a minute the firing lasted three hours. cavalry men went galloping by toward the fight all I hear is that the rebels are trying ^{to} crass the river I dont know whether its so or not you will hear the particulars before

you get this. Horace has just come
and in and says Dave Rogers has
got back from Harpers ferry and says
the rebels tried to cross the river
at a place called the point off rocks
and that they were repulsed and
badly cut up it may not be so for
there is a great many reports around
the camp that ~~is~~ there is no truth in
our Brigadier General was here today
his name is Kane, brother to the
great arctic explorer you have heard
of him. we are in Banks Division
now they told us so tonight on dress
parade, so you may calculate that
Banks is the man that takes Jackson
I want to know if you hear anything
from Ed. Boyd and John Potter up there
the last we heard was that they were
in rutland jail but I guess it was
a mistake a fellow that enlisted in
Hendon and deserted when we were

coming down here has been
arrested court martialled and shot
his name was Joseph Dickson the news
come in some letters the boys got
from Hampton we heard that he was
in jail when we were at Washington
he had deserted before that was why
he was shot so soon. It is raining yet
it has rained a part of the time for
three days. when you write don't forget
to tell me how spot gets along I would
like to see the old fellow I wonder if he
would know me now I have just heard
that our company is going out on
picket tomorrow down the potomac
but I will close now for fear you will
not read what ~~I have~~ I have wrote direct
your letters to the same place you did
before I have been ^{thinking} that I had ~~not~~ ought
to have wrote home instead of writing
so long a letter to you but I will write in
a day or two tell them I well give my love
to all and writ soon From Henry