

Camp Smith. Mon, 7th.

I will now try to finish the letter I commenced this morning though not with the expectation of finishing it without again being interrupted. I though I will try as I most certainly will not do so without trying.

A young man has just left our tent who was at the fall of fort Sumner. He says they fought five days and nights and does not think that they lost in killed more than 600. and further thinks that if they would have held out a little longer they (the Confederates) would have mined the field & fort. He says that some of the men fairly cried when they heard that

the shot was to be given up and tore
the white flag down several times and
when that failed they tried to escape
which got a great many accomplished
be among the number.

On another fight that he was in
up in the mountains he says that they
captured several prisoners among
whom was a young man that
he had gone to college with the
year before. he says that the
prisoners looked rather crest fallen
when confronted by his old schoolmate.

Our Col. has just received sealed
orders from Gen. Lovel. we do not
know what they are though it is
rumored around camp that we are
about to be ordered back to the
City (New Orleans) for myself I
do not place any reliance on it
and in fact hope it is not so
unless there is real danger of

The Cities being attacked for
I do not want to return home
without being in a battle. for
I enlisted to fight and want
to fight.

I must now go on duty
again. I hope in my next attempt
I will be able to finish this bit
of a letter.

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I will now try with the expectation
of ~~finishing~~ succeeding to finish this
letter. In the course of which I
have been so many times interrupted.
Last night was a very cold night
and I tell you I felt it as
quard when I had to stand
two hours at a time all night
in the cold not being allowed to go
near a fire. and I can assure
you I felt glad when daylight
appeared.

Enclosed I will send a note
which I hope will be delivered
without being looked at
we will send all our heavy baggage
back to Granada tomorrow and
will then with light shoulders as
well as hearts advance on the
enemy I will send a pair of
spurs and a change of clothes back
and then will be plenty - light
enough.

I must now bid you
all good bye so with love to all
I remain yours off. and devoted
Dor. & Boston.

J. P. Mudge
direct all letters to Co

Corinth Miss
and they will be forwarded to
me