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Letter dated June 23. 1904 from John H. Worsham, Va. State Insurance Co., of Richmond to Major Robert W. Hunter Secretary Va. Military Records. In Dept. of Military Affairs Records Co G, 27th Va. , Va. State library.

"... I have a very pleasant memory of you at Harpers Ferry. I was present when you rode up to Col Grigsby, and informed him that the white flag had been raised and that Capt Poague's guns were loaded and that he wanted to know what to do about it. The old Colonels reply has always stuck to me. Tell him to fire them off the way they are pointed, he wont kill more of the D-- yankees than he ought to."

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Manassa Junction  
July 23rd 1861.

My dear Parents

With a bleeding heart do I this morning Monday 23 attempt to write you these few lines we were engaged in a tremendous battle yesterday and we have to mourn the loss of several of the Monroe Guards. Capt Tiffany was killed immediately we were marched on the field he was shot in the right brest he survived but a short time he died galently the last time I saw him he was in front of his company urging them on his last words were [this line illegible] God bless his soul & strengthen her to receive this dreadful news. Col. Prestons regt & ours marched to the field at the same time & we had to lay flat down upon the ground for a long time, two hours I suppose we were right behind our batterys. The Canon Balls Bombshells & bullets flying over our heads thick and fast one shot exploded in front of us and kill several of Prestons men three of our boys killed & one wounded with it they were Arch Campbell Mr O Camp & John Conner killed John C Lynch wounded & Wiley Wingfield was shot thro with a ball he lived several hours afterwards Col Prestons regt was to raise a charge on the enemy they lost severalls Our regt was ordered to charge soon afterwards, our companys was seperated as soon as we got up from the ground Our regiment made a dreadful charge said to be the most affective charge that was made We put them to flight, but suffered greatly Wm Jennings planted our flag on their cannon he received two flesh wounds not dangerous. Poor Bob Hamilton was instantly killed he fought bravely he leaves many mourning friends. Charley Tiffany was wounded in both legs they are flesh wounds, one of them in left thigh. Charley Shanklin in the hand, I have not seen him yet

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Lieut Zoll by a spent ball on the shoulder a ball [hit] William Patton in the hand I have not seen him Greenville Rutledge rcvd a slight wound I dont know where John Fry slight wound in the head Cadet Wight our drill master was wounded in the head not dangerous, he is a fine fellow. The Battle was a dreadful one such as never was seen by mortal man. It is reported that there was fifty thousand of the enemy and we did not have more than two or three regiments engaged against them at one time we repulsed them three or four times, thousands of the enemy was killed & wounded and a great many taken prisners. Our loss was considerable but nothing like the number of the enemy. We captured two of Shermans famous battery The flag of the Monroe Guards waved over them there was thirteen pieces of that battery taken wagons a glorious victory thank God Stuarts cavelry numbering from 1500 to 2000 men followed [them] 6 miles I did not get the least scratch thanks to my God, I fought until I was ordered back I fired seven rounds. I dont know whether I killed anyone or not. I fired in the same group all the time they were not more than 100 yds off Well I am compelled to do my chore --- dead to bury I am going to the battlefield directly I will give full particulars of our march from Winchester here at the battlefiled I am in hopes this will stop the fight for a while we are at the loss to know what to do for another captain we will never have another one like the one we had. God bless his soul. pray for me continually God saved me yesterday he will save me at last you need write until you hear from me again

Your devoted son Henry

Capt Steel & Lewis Caperton has this morning com to our camp