

but before the Corporal could catch him
he fired again the shot-taking effect in
his Breast just at the heart but he was
no sooner shot than the Corporal shot
the handkerchief blowing the Back part
of his head off & after he fell the other
men cut his bayonet through him
in two or three places the boys say
that the Col lived long enough to see
the man shot & his last words were you
Boy the Troops are a very hard set of
men but not so bad as the stories that
are told of them & all they want is
for the Col to give them a chance
for a fight for they say that they
are speaking for a fight but I
must bid you good bye for we are
in Camp Wilson now & I am on
as cook of our mess to day & it is
about time for to serve up dinner
don't forget me to all of my friends
Give my love to Maggie Mattie & Willie
Kids the Children for me tell them
that I am sorry they are not here for
we expect a visit from about ten thousand
rebels to night or tomorrow To Hatcher

H Hatcher
May 29th 1861

Richmond May 29th

Dear Brother

Your very welcome
letter I received this morning &
very glad I was to hear from home
for I have not seen a place on
the route I liked so well as old
Detroit we left Washington for
Richmond on Sunday morning
at 2 O'clock distance eight miles
we arrived at 8 O'clock our company
were ahead about 3/4 of a mile
acting as scouts when we were
within two miles of the town
we saw the enemys scouts ahead
and the look out for us as soon
as they saw us they turned &
and we marched into town in
platoons Col being the first to
enter we marched down to the depot
& just as we turned the corner