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with that Sure Rifle determined to die
rather than be whipped - Cap Mullins
Company from Cherokee was on Picket
8 miles above me with 40 men himself
and only I have made their escape that
we have heard of - when I came in to
night He come to see me poor fellow I
am sorry for him than any man I ever saw
I attribute his slip to an effort on his part to
reinforce me, by doing so he lost too much
time and was cut off - The Soldiers and
Citizens are perfectly outraged (and I think
they have good cause) with Genl Bradthorpe
he made us Infantry the advance Pickets
and placed the Cavalry between us and
our main forces and instead of trying
to protect us as soon as he found the
Enemy advancing he retreated on this
Side of the River and set the Bridge
on fire - all the Boys are asleep and
I am very much wearied, so I will stop
writing for to night and write more in
the morning - I forget to say that I
never for a moment gave up. I had
hope all the time that I would
come through safe and live to
see my friends again without going
such a round about way as
Washington City