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Camp in the Woods
Dear Mother
We yesterday left our old camp And marched about 10 miles I had a heavy load about 15 pounds in My Knapsack, so as we are going into active service I have to lighten up, so I send some Books home And some things I throw away We dont expect to sleep in a tent for a long time And have to roll ourselves up in our Blankets and lay on the ground, last night I slept pretty well about 4000 of us laid on the ground. We laid in 4 rows 1000 in each row,
20,000 Men are a head of us And we make 24,000. And 6000 are behind us, so there are 30,000 Moving, I think we are to attack Winchester which is the kee of Manasas [Manassas].. We will start again about noon, As soon as you get this give Mr Walton [Alfred Walton] 50 cents to pay for the Paccage And have the Books put away, And put th Passport with My discharge,, I should not wonder if we were in a Battle within 48 hours,, but I think 30,000 men can go through with the work [underline]before[underline]them a great Many of the men gave out on the march And have ben coming in all night,, if Anything should happen to me, I want you to take My pay And get a gold case put on that watch of mine And keep it Yourself, it would cost $40 for a good case, And the watch would be worth $100 then
Our Colonel was in Philadelphia but they telegraphed for him and he has just got here, give my respects to all my friends and tell them I am glad the time has come to finish the war, yours affectionately, Edward A. Fulton.

P.S.: I got a letter from Sarah [Sarah C. Fulton] just as we were getting ready to March, tell Sarah and Anah [Anna R. Fulton] to look at the papers, and they will know where we are the most of the time.

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