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Date: July 27, 1863

Description: Pvt. John Sheahan on cavalry battles

I received your letter of the 19th yesterday.

Catletts Station V^a
July 27th 1863

My Dear Father now that I again have a chance to write you I will do so since we expect to move and I do not know when or where I shall have another oppertunity we are again near the Rappahonnock and have met with no enemy since we crossed the Potomac except at Halltown and Sheapherds town at the latter place we had one of the hardest fights that the cavalry has ever been in I was in the hotest of the fight all the afternoon but never received a scratch

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John P Sheehan

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I got this from Annie this morning give the grave to Vose but don't show him the other