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Camp Brady West Point N.Y.
June 24th 1851

Dear Brother

As I am now a first-class-man, it is necessary that I should determine what branch of the service I am going into. I shall graduate high enough to go into the Artillery, Infantry, Dragoons or Mounted Rifles. I would prefer the Dragoons if there was not so much dissipation in that corps. The Mounted Rifles I do not like at all. My object is to go into the corps in which promotion is ~~the~~ the fastest. If I go into the Artillery I would be in all probability a Capt. 2nd Lieut. for a year or eighteen months. If I go into the Infantry I will be either the first or second man in my class in that corps, and would have choice of regiments, and perhaps get my Capt. off immediately. I wish you would ask Maj. Brice & Gen. Arden which would be best. & to go high into the Infantry, or low in the Artillery.

I wrote to Mary a few days ago
and told her my standing in Philosophy
& Chemistry. I have since learned my
standing in drawing and general merit
I come out 24th in drawing and 20th in
general standing

E. P. Abbott is son of Zanesville
is here now in Geo. Pierce's place. There is
also a nephew of A. L. Smith's here, his name
is Calburn. I believe he was appointed from
some of the New England States

Our Colliery parties will commence
the fourth of July. I expect to have a right
pleasant encampment

Please answer this letter as soon
as you receive it.

Give my love to all our family

Truly your brother
Chas. H. Woods

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