Ellsworth.
To my father and mother. The regiment is ordered to move across the river tonight. We have no means of knowing what reception we are to meet until I am inclined to the opinion that our entrance to the City of Alexandria will be hostile, as I am just informed a large force have arrived there today. Should this happen, my dear parents, it may be my lot to be injured in some manner. Whatever may happen, cherish the consolation that I was engaged in the performance of a sacred duty; and, last night, thinking over the probabilities of tomorrow and the occurrences of the past, I am perfectly content to accept whatever my fate may be, confident that the word of God, when the fall of a sparrow will have some purpose even in the fate of one, will be near me. My darling and ever loved parents, God bless, protect and care for you. 

Elmer.

Copy. Exact Size. of the last letter of Col. Ellsworth. Written on the back of a carte de visite photograph of himself.
Elmer E. Ellsworth.
Col. 1st Zouaves.


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1910.
E. E. Ellsworth.

Copy of the carte-de-viste photograph by Brady, upon the back of which he wrote his last letter the night before he was shot.
The Marshall House
Alexandria, Virginia.

Col. Ellsworth was shot here by Jackson, its proprietor on May 24, 1861.
Sergt. Francis E. Brownell
who shot Jackson, the
murderer of Ellsworth.

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