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My dear Wife.

For the first time for many days he I have a chance to write to you, that to send a letter, and it is over 3 weeks since I have heard from home. We have been cut off from all mail communication - on account of our not remaining in our place more than one night. We have been constantly on the march following up the enemy but have not been able to draw line into but our battle - and that but for a couple of hours. Our corps, <sup>(3<sup>d</sup>)</sup> down the fighting then, we have seen some very rough times some days officers nor men had any thing to eat, but most of them bore their privations with cheerfulness. It would astonish you to see how well I endure the constant fatigue of continued long marches. It takes off some of my flesh, but I feel all right. We are on our way to Culpeper - from there to