

Camp of 12<sup>th</sup> Vt. N. M.  
Near Westminster Md.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863

My Dear Wife:

I write a line this morning to let you know that we are still in the land of the living.

There has been a terrible battle at Gettysburg in Pa. about twenty five miles from here. We have not heard the result -

We have been in no fight. Our regt. was detailed day before yesterday to guard the trains of the First Corps. We went from Summitburg up to within about three miles of the fighting & then turned off in this direction. Yesterday we marched twenty three miles, it being our eighth day's march. We got into camp here last night about twelve o'clock. The men were so tired out that they laid down on the ground & went to sleep without stopping to put up tents. I was sick on the road & had a pretty hard time but feel better this morning.

I don't know what is going to be done in regard to our going home -