

Camp of 12th Vt. Vol. In.
Westminster, Md -

July 3rd 1863 -

My Dear Wife:

A terrible battle has been going on near Gettysburg for the past three days - It is the greatest battle of the whole war. Lee has seventy five thousand men and the whole army of the Potomac is there, besides forces from Harper's Ferry, from Penn. & Baltimore. We have a splendid army & the reports are now all favorable. All the army supplies go from this point. This is the nearest R. R. & all the teams, thousands of them, are here. Many of the wounded & prisoners are brought here. Genl. Meade's Head Quarters are here when not in the field. Until three o'clock today our Right comprised nearly the whole force in the vicinity to guard this immense property - The 15th Col. Proctor, is here now - The other three Regts. are with the army & have taken some part in the fight tho' how much is not now known -

We have lost very heavily - especially in