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Camp in the field near Middletown  
July 5<sup>th</sup> / 1863

My good wife

Yours of June 28<sup>th</sup> was received yesterday, and the only one I have seen for two weeks - Last night at four o'clock we received orders to march for "South Mountain" - we march 11 miles in the dark and rain and arrived at this place about ten o'clock and lay down in the wet grass and I slept as nice as a "pig in the clover" - This morning we are waiting for the balance of Genl. Franks' Command to come up, as we only have one Brigade with us - we expect to hold two passes in South Mountain - the Rebs are reported to be in full retreat back to the Potomac - probably we shall see some of them very soon - all is going on nicely - I am sorry to have you write in quite so "blue" a vein - I do hope Ferdie will get able to be left all alone soon so you can get a moments and recit up and feel better - do not worry about me - it is