

Camp in the field just at the  
foot of "South Mountain pass" Md

July 6<sup>th</sup> 1863

My Dear wife

You see we are still  
on the move. I wrote you last from  
Middletown yesterday - last night we  
received orders to march this morning  
at seven o'clock for this place - we  
arrived here about ten o'clock.

I have been up on the famous  
Battle ground of "South Mountain"  
this afternoon and saw where eight  
hundred of the Rebel dead are buried  
and two hundred and eighty of our  
own brave boys lie sleeping in a  
soldiers grave - The battle ground  
shows unmistakable signs of a fierce  
conflict - in one length of rail fence  
Lieut Thompson counted eighty nine  
bullet marks - I also saw the place  
where the gallant Reno fell.