

Upperville Va at "Ashbys Gap"

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My Darling wife

I did not get an opportunity to write you yesterday for we had a long hard march to make but this morning it is raining so we are waiting a little. You see we are working down very fast and I will have to hurry up to get to Richmond ahead of us - The 11<sup>th</sup> Cavalry camped here yesterday and I saw Maj. Wells, Charlie, and all our boys - they are all first rate - Expect they will march this morning for "Manassas Gap" and we follow as soon as it clears up.

Justin went back and I expect he has gone to Patterson on a sick leave.

He was threatened with fever - all the rest of us are first rate - do not hear from you yet - I saw by the papers that Charlie is drafted - I think in the first